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TELEGRAMS.

CANADA'S OFFER.

AN ALTERNATIVE PLAN.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, December 13.
The House of Commons at Ottawa was crowded when Sir Wilfrid Laurier moved an amendment to Mr. Borden's Naval Bill, demanding the establishment of Canadian Fleets in the Atlantic and the Pacific Oceans, each to have a super-Dreadnought, manned as far as possible by Canadians and maintained by Canada; the vessels to be at the disposal of Great Britain in an emergency. It also provided for the establishment of naval shipyards in Canada.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in his speech, condemned the Government's policy of a direct contribution as being un-Canadian, un-British, and unsuited to the real needs of the Empire. Referring to Mr. Borden's request that Canada should have a voice in questions involving peace or war, he said that was a large contract, and might take years to solve. In the meantime Canada should continue preparations for defence. He declared that if Canada was represented in the Councils of the Empire so must the other Dominions be. He did not believe that foreign affairs would be much benefited by a multitude of advice.

Before Sir Wilfrid spoke the Premier tabled correspondence between Mr. Winston Churchill and himself, showing that Mr. Borden suggested the construction in Canada of cruisers and smaller warships, and possibly Canada would share the extra cost. Mr. Churchill acquiesced, but added that the progress of such a policy depended upon reasonable prices and expedition in construction.

"RULE BRITANNIA."

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's announcement of the Liberal policy was interrupted by a burst of enthusiasm from everywhere in the House, Members and spectators cheering and singing "Rule Britannia."

DISESTABLISHMENT.

GOVERNMENT'S NARROW SQUEAK.

London, December 13.

During the debate in the House of Commons on the Welsh Disestablishment Bill, Mr. France (Liberal) moved an amendment mitigating the disendowment proposals.

Mr. Lloyd George opposed the amendment, but said he was willing to make peace and go to his constituents and recommend a settlement which might appear from the Welsh viewpoint unjust, but it must be a real settlement. The Opposition, he said, had hitherto gruffly replied to every suggestion of compromise, but whenever the time arrived the Government would readily respond with a real desire for a lasting settlement.

The amendment was rejected by only 205 to 215, ten Liberals voting with the minority.

The result of the division was greeted with Unionist cheers and cries of "Saved by the Irish."

The question of disendowment will again be raised in later clauses.

TELEGRAMS.

THE WAR.

GREECE STILL ACTIVE.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, December 13.
Reuter's correspondent at Athens reports vigorous fighting along the whole of the Turco-Grecian frontier at Epirus. The Greeks landed a force at Santi Quaeanta, north west of Yanina; this force detached a portion of the Turks from the main body, whereupon the main Greek army attacked in force, and occupied, at the bayonet point, the Turkish advance posts towards the Bizani fortifications.

ADMIRAL BRIDGEMAN.

MR. CHURCHILL'S STATEMENT SATISFIES.

London, December 12.
The "Daily Telegraph," Naval Correspondent states that Mr. Churchill's statement concerning Admiral Sir Francis Bridgeman's resignation may be accepted as accurate. The senior officers of the Fleet recognise that a reconstitution of the Board of Admiralty was necessary in view of Admiral Bridgeman's ill-health. The "Daily News" says that Mr. Churchill's replies have disposed of any mystery surrounding the Admiral's retirement.

CHURCH SERVICES.

St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, 15th December, 3rd Sunday in Advent. Holy Communion (8.15 a.m. Matins (11 a.m.) (Full Choir) Responses: Ferial, Venite: Stainer, Psalms: of the 15th morning Benediction: Frasin D. Benediction: Barnby in E. Anthem: "Lord, bow thine ear."—Mendelssohn. Holy Communion (11.45 a.m.) Kyrie: Smart in F, Hymns: 51, 368, Evensong (5.45 p.m.) Responses: Ferial, Psalms: of the 15th evening, Magnificat: Good-enough (22nd evening), Nunc Dimittis: Wesley. Hymns: 45, 213, 20.

Union Church, Kennedy Road, Preacher, Rev. C. H. Hickling. 11 a.m. Worship, Hymns 438 (1) 249, Paraphrases 13, (123) 39 (137), Anthem. Subject, "Am I ancient or modern?" 4 p.m. Service for Children 6 p.m. Worship, Hymns 23, 44, 67, 119 (509) 312. St. Peter's Seamen's Church Hongkong, Sunday Services, December 15th 1912. Morning Prayer and Sermon 11.00 a.m., Preacher, The Ven. Archdeacon B. nait, M.A. Holy Communion 12.15 p.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon 6.15 p.m., Gospel Meeting at Seamen's Inst. 8 a.m.

Garrison Divine Service: Church of England, Victoria Cathedral 9.15 a.m. Rev. F. G. B. Hastings; Church of England Detention Barracks 8.30 a.m. Offg. Clergyman; Church of England Stonecutters Barracks Under Orders Senior Officer; Church of England Military Hospital Bowen Road 6 p.m. Chaplain; Church of England Lyemun Barracks Under Orders Senior Officer; Church of England Kowloon St. Andrew's Church 10 a.m. Offg. Clergyman; Union Church 11.30 a.m. Offg. Clergyman; Presbyterian Victoria Union Church 11.30 a.m. Offg. Clergyman; Wesleyan Victoria Wesleyan Church 10.15 a.m. Offg. Clergyman; Wesleyan Mount Austin 10 a.m. Offg. Clergyman; Roman Catholic Victoria St. Joseph's Church 10 p.m. Offg. Clergyman; Roman Catholic Kowloon Rosary Church 9 a.m. Offg. Clergyman.

TELEGRAMS.

THE RAILWAY TROUBLE.

GENERAL STRIKE WANTED.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, December 12.
A meeting of Midland Railway-men was held at Sheffield, and despite a communication from the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants urging them to await instructions, as the grievances of victimisation were being considered, the meeting passed a resolution demanding an immediate general strike.

THE KNOX INQUIRY.

Mr. Chester Jones, the London magistrate, after hearing the evidence for the prosecution, intimated that, from the evidence he had heard, he would say that in law Knox was not drunk. After this intimation, witnesses for the defence testified that Knox was sober.

SUBSCRIPTION GRIFFINS.

Result of First Drawing of Ponies.

The racing season might be said to commence with the arrival of the first batch of ponies from the north for the members of the Jockey Club, and it is only natural that a good deal of interest should be taken in the newcomers by the sportsmen of the colony who are lovers of horsemanship. Consequently there was a good attendance yesterday afternoon at Kennedy's Horse Repository when the first drawing of ponies took place. The proceedings were in the hands of Mr. T. F. Hough while among those present were Sir C. Chater, C. M. G., Messrs H. P. White, F. Maitland, G. K. Hall Brutton, E. S. Kadoorie, Leo D'Almada e Castro and many others. The results of the drawing were as follows:—

1. Dun.....R. D. Harvey.
2. Grey.....F. D. Deacon.
3. Grey.....G. Friesland.
4. Grey.....D. M. Ross.
5. Nutmeg Grey Mr. Raymond.
6. Dark Grey.....C. Stewart.
7. Bay.....H. E. Sir F. H. May.
8. Grey.....Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross.
9. Chestnut.....Dr. Hastings.
10. Blue dun.....G. Friesland.
11. Grey.....Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross.
12. Dan.....A. David.
13. Chestnut.....T. Christiani.
14. Bay.....D. Landale.
15. Grey, Mr. W. Rees Davies K. C.
16. Grey.....A. V. Apear.
17. Dark Grey, Mr. Sprightly.
18. Grey.....A. R. Lowe.
19. Grey.....W. B. Walker.
20. Spotted, Mr. M. L. Sassoon.
21. Grey.....S. H. Michael.
22. Bay.....W. B. Walker.
23. Bay, Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton.
24. Grey, Leo D'Almada e Castro.
25. Grey.....F. C. Macdonald.
26. Grey.....N. J. Stabb.
27. Grey.....T. F. Hough.
28. Grey.....Way Fong Moss.
29. Chestnut, Mr. M. L. Sassoon.
30. Grey.....E. S. Kadoorie.
31. Grey.....W. Logan.
32. Grey.....Sir C. P. Chater.
33. Dun.....F. Maitland.
34. Dark Grey.....H. M. Soares.
35. Iron Grey, H. E. Sir F. H. May.
36. Grey.....G. K. Hall Brutton.
37. Grey.....Sir C. P. Chater.

Phya Maha Ammat.

His Excellency Phya Maha Ammat, Vice-President of the Interior, Siam, arrived in Singapore from Hongkong on the 2nd by the "Yorok" after his pleasure cruise. In the Philippines he was shown various administrations and was very much struck by the progress made in the various departments. H.E. remains in Singapore for a few days and returns to Bangkok by the "Doll."

TELEGRAMS.

CEYLON.

THE GOVERNOR RESIGNS.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, December 13.
A message from Reuter's correspondent at Colombo states that the Governor of Ceylon, Sir H. E. McCallum, G.C.M.G., has resigned on medical advice, and that the Right Hon. L. Harcourt (Colonial Secretary) has accepted the resignation with deep regret, hoping that freedom from work and anxiety will lead to a speedy convalescence. The Governor leaves on the 23rd of January next.

THE FAR EAST IN PARLIAMENT.

The Hankow-Canton Railway.

Mr. Norman Craig asked the Secretary of State whether the Hongkong Government, by an agreement dated Oct. 6, 1905, advanced £1,100,000 at 4.1-2 per cent, under the authorisation of His Majesty's Government, to the Viceroy of the Middle Yangtze for the repurchase of the Hankow-Canton Railway concession from an American company, and what was the object of His Majesty's Government in authorising such an advance; whether, by a note of Sept. 9, 1906, to the British Consul-General at Hankow, the Viceroy gave His Majesty's Government an undertaking that British capital and materials should have the preference whenever China decided to construct the Hankow-Canton Railway; whether, in March, 1909, the contract was obtained for German capital and German materials by the Deutsch-Asiatische Bank, without any warning to His Majesty's Government from the Chinese Imperial Government, in spite of the undertaking above referred to, and in spite of the agreement between the Deutsch-Asiatische Bank itself and the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation of September 21, 1898, by which British preferential rights in the matter of railway concessions in the Yangtze Valley and the provinces to the south of it were recognised.

Sir E. Grey: The answer to the first part of the question is in the affirmative. The object of His Majesty's Government in authorising the advance was to secure the connection with the Canton-Kowloon Railway. The answer to the second and third parts of the question is also in the affirmative. A compromise was, however, ultimately effected between the British and German groups by which the latter agreed to share the contract in return for concessions elsewhere. It is, however, a mistake to refer to an agreement in 1898 between the groups. A resolution in favour of an arrangement of the nature indicated was indeed passed at a conference of the group on the date mentioned, but it was never ratified.

The Dutch Indies.

London, November 22.—The Dutch Chamber has for several days been debating the policy with regard to the education of natives in the East Indies. The Liberals and Socialists complained of the favouritism shown to missionary schools by which the fanaticism of Mohammedans had been excited. This was all the more dangerous in view of events in Turkey, which were already arousing the feeling of Mahomedans. A Roman Catholic member, Mr. Bogardt, denied that undue favouritism was shown and declared that the feeling in this connection was due to methodical agitation.

TELEGRAMS.

PEACE CONFERENCE.

THE DELEGATES ARRIVE.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, December 13.
The Greek, Servian, and Montenegrin peace delegates have arrived in London. Sir Edward Grey will welcome the delegates at the opening of the Conference.

SEARCHLIGHTS AT SEA.

LORD MONTAGU ON THEIR EFFECTIVENESS.

Light Enables One to See.

Writing to the "Times" Lord Montagu, who is a noted authority on head-lights for motor-cars and motor-boats asks:—"Does it not seem curious that powerful search-lights are not habitually used by fast liners during darkness?" He submitted that in the case of the fast modern ship one or two powerful head-lights are desirable to be used, not spasmodically but always. Everyone who has seen the ordinary searchlights of the navy at work and stood on the bridge of a ship at night when under way cannot help having noticed the immense assistance afforded the navigator as regards other shipping, unlighted buoys, or narrow entrances to harbours.

In addition to the foregoing statements by competent observers on the value of search-lights for the mercantile marine, profound dissatisfaction prevails among ocean-going travellers and officers of the merchant service in the present state of insecurity of life at sea (especially at night), which finds expression in the press by letters of similar import to those published in the "Manchester Guardian" of the 8th and 19th of August.

The British official report on the loss of the Titanic, which extends over 74 pages, is remarkable for its brevity respecting searchlights, and consists of five lines only, quoted as follows:—"Should searchlights have been provided and used.—Answer: No, but searchlights may at times be of service. The evidence before the Court does not allow of a more precise answer." The brief statements in the report of the Merchant Shipping Advisory Committee on the provision and use of searchlights are singularly inaccurate and biased to a degree that deprives them of all value. The utility of searchlights in passing through a canal is only mentioned as "possible," and it ignores the fact that searchlights have been in constant use for many years on the Suez Canal and in the Royal Navy. Before the advent of the searchlight, all vessels navigating the Suez Canal were required to lay up during the night to avoid grounding and collisions. The navigation is now continuous, and the capacity of the Canal, consequently, nearly doubled.

The Manchurian Railway's Commercial Ventures.

The Dairen correspondent of the "Mainichi" wires that the machinery and plant to work the Fushun colliery have been brought to perfection, but the coal produced there having no recognised market, the great colliery is of little value. After months of consideration, the South Manchuria Railway Company has devised a scheme for manufacturing sulphate of ammonia at the colliery and shipping the product to Japan Proper. The correspondent further states that the South Manchuria Railway Company is negotiating with the Nippon Yusen Kaisha to have the steamers on the European line sent to Dairen for the shipment of beans, beancake, and oil for Europe.

TELEGRAMS.

"WHITE SLAVERY."

GRATIFYING NEWS.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, December 13.
The White Slavery Bill received the Royal Assent to-day. Many notorious bullies and procurers left London yesterday.

LEASE PROPERTY IN YOKOHAMA.

Attempt to Collect Municipal Taxes Already Paid.

The "Japan Gazette" is informed that a large number of demand-notes for municipal taxes have been distributed by the Yokohama City Office among the foreign houses on perpetual leasehold property on the Bluff and warns foreigners against paying such undue demands. The municipal taxes due in respect of perpetual lease property on the Bluff and in the Settlement have already been paid in the form of ground-rent, and any attempt to collect them twice will be steadily resisted by the Leaseholders' Committee.

This attempt has frequently been made by Municipal authorities in the past, says the "Gazette," but without authorisation of the Central Government, and only give trouble to both parties concerned. A little variation in the procedure this time is said to be the inclusion in the notes of a demand for taxes alleged to be due for some years past, and the addition of a threat of distraint if the demand be not met within seven days of its receipt. Of course, the Municipal authorities are aware this claim is a diplomatic question, and know that the foreign leaseholders are acting with the full concurrence of their diplomatic representatives, but they nevertheless persist in thus flouting in the face of their own Central Government. It seems that some underlings in the City Office are hoping that the foreign ladies to whom the demand notes are presented in the absence of the head of the house may be frightened by the distraint clause into paying. Once paid, there would be endless difficulty in recovering the amount. Foreign residents are, therefore, again cautioned against these extraordinary Municipal tactics, which are both unauthorised by and discourteous to the Japanese and foreign Governments. It may be added that the onus of the delay in settling this matter lies wholly upon the Japanese Government.

Coal Output Increased.

The quantity of Chikuhō coal from the collieries in the North-east provinces of Kyushu that was placed on the market last month was 744,831 tons, an increase of 72,800 tons on the figures of the previous month. Of the total amount, 612,084 tons were sent to Wakamatsu, 83,608 tons to Moji, and 41,615 tons to other Kyushu ports, the remainder being taken by the Kyushu railway. The export from Moji during the first ten days of November was 62,878 tons, a decrease of 13,000 tons from the figures of the same period of last month. Fushun coal exported through Dairen during the first six months of this year is returned at 203,340 tons, showing an increase of 152,956 tons on the figures for the same period of last year. The shipments included 57,000 tons to Japan, 23,297 tons to Shanghai, 26,873 tons to Hongkong, 19,008 tons to Canton, 7,500 tons to Singapore, and 6,450 tons to Penang.

TELEGRAMS.

HOME RULE.

THE FINAL SCENES.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, December 13.
The House of Commons has considered the Schedule of the Home Rule Bill, and adopted it after nine divisions, the discussion lasting till midnight. The Ministerial benches were packed, and the Government majority in the final division reached 133. The Home Rulers then cheered for several minutes.

Mr. Asquith, on leaving the House, was given an ovation by his supporters, who stood up cheering and waving handkerchiefs.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

TELEGRAMS.

THE NEWS CONDENSED.

Russia is displaying impatience with China over the Mongolian question.

The Greek, Servian and Montenegrin peace delegates have arrived in London.

In the House of Commons, the schedule of the Home Rule Bill has been passed, after nine divisions.

In the Knox inquiry, Mr. Chester Jones has intimated that he would say that in law Knox was not drunk.

The Greeks have attacked the Turks in force along the Epirus frontier, driving them from their posts by bayonet.

Sir Henry McCallum, G.C.M.G., Governor of Ceylon since 1907, has resigned his post, noting upon medical advice.

A Liberal amendment to the Welsh Disestablishment Bill was defeated in the House of Commons by a majority of 56.

The White Slave Bill has received the Royal Assent and many notorious bullies and procurers have left London.

The "Daily News" says Mr. Churchill's replies have disposed of any mystery relating to Admiral Bridgeman's retirement.

It is said that Mr. Crisp has agreed to cancel the second half of the ten million loan to China and not to pay up two millions of the balance.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has would an amendment to the Canadian Naval Bill demanding the establishment of Canadian fleets in the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

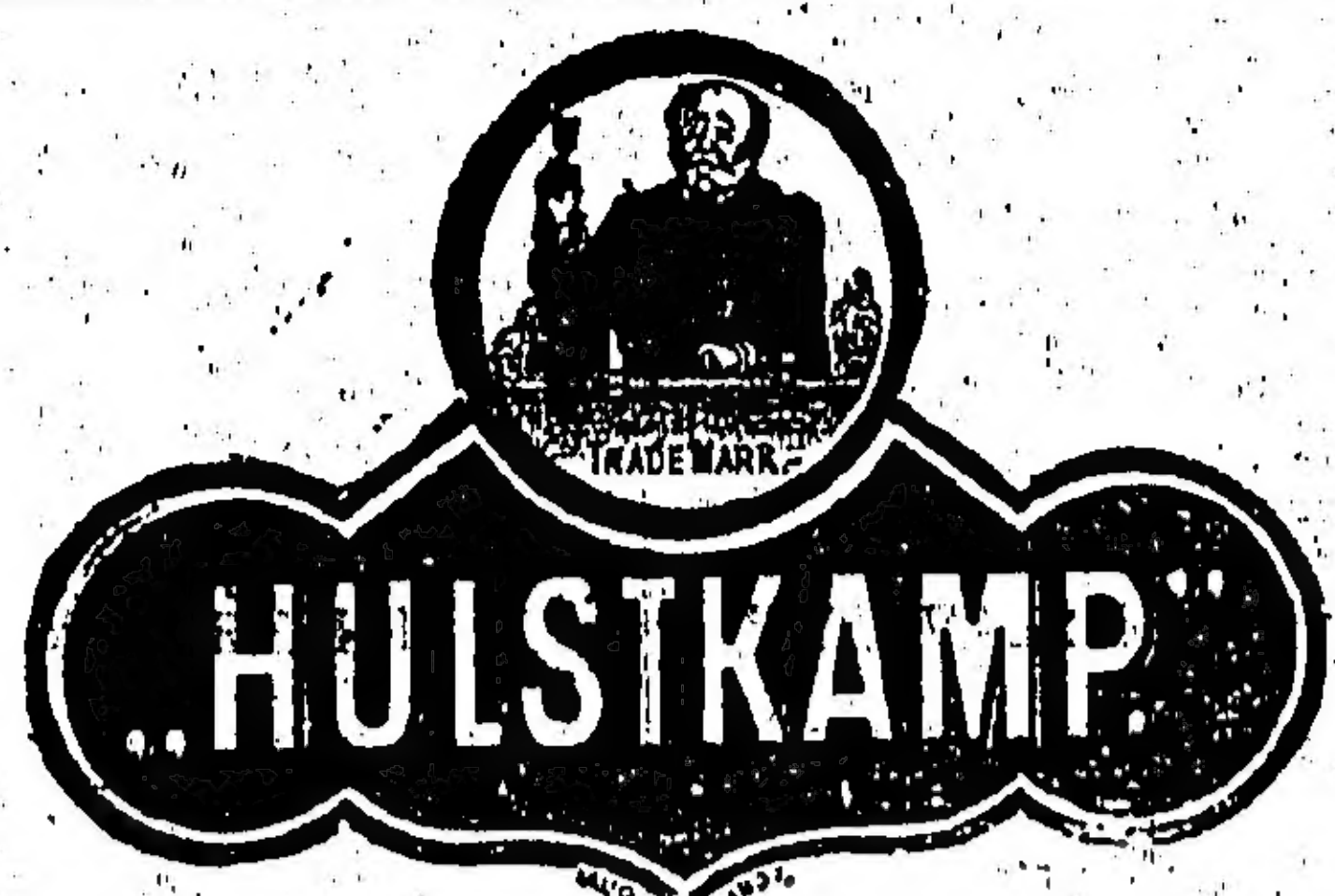
LOCAL.

The entertainment at the Theatre Royal last night was a big success.

The "Telegraph" is a twelve-page paper to-day. Pages 9 and 10 are of special interest.

A claim for money tendered but refused was settled this morning by judgment in favour of the plaintiff.

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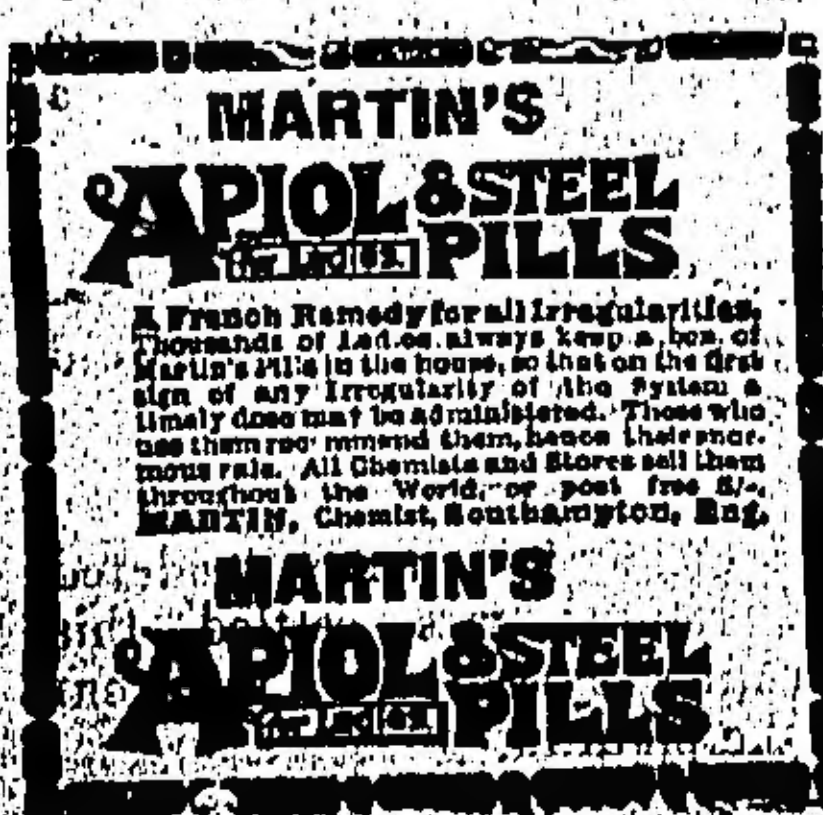
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task of putting a stop to every-
thing that savours of humbug, it
is undertaking the impossible.
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and for that matter, as
the immortal Barnum once said,
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either to the morals or the health
of the people results from the
popularity of the professional
myth is undoubtedly, grossly
unwarranted. The odds are
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day by emotional revivalists and
hypnotists than in a year by
fortune-tellers. If the touchstone
be sincerity, then again it is a
case of six of one and half a dozen
of the other, for unquestionably
many professional fortune-tellers
are absolutely sincere and as con-
vinced of the bona fide character
and utility of their calling as the
lawyer or the doctor is of his.
And why not?

China Mail.

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Herr Passche is reported to
have said apropos of the argu-
ment on behalf of the credit to
Kiaochow that the "English were
doing everything (in their power) to
oust Germans from China." This
gentleman made some other
remarks on subject, which, how-
ever, call for no special notice
here. We, in common with all
Britons, consider the statement
quoted as absolutely absurd and
a matter for regret that it
should have been expressed. We
feel sure that Herr Passche's coun-
trymen in the Far East will share
our regret and be among the first
to deny the statement. Among
the Germans and the British in
China there is to-day, as there
has been for a long while, a
friendly rivalry in commercial
affairs. As for the diplomats of
both nations, their actions, of
course, are usually somewhat be-
wildering—as much to them-
selves as to others, possibly—but,
no matter what may be their
particular "little game," they
are in the long run, especially in
these days, compelled to shape
their course by keeping strictly
in mind the economic needs of
their respective countries. It is
the merchant, the financier and
the banker who are to-day the real
rulers in all civilized countries.
Herr Passche, like many worthy
individuals of our own Parlia-
ment, seems to have a strange
conception of Chinese affairs and
the position of Foreigners in
China.

Daily Press.

China's Waterways.

Nor is the Yangtze the only
river that is a source of danger
and distress to the country on
account of its recurrent floods;
the periodic outbreaks of the
Hoang-ho have become prover-
bial, and if, as is prophesied in
some quarters, its next bursting-
forth is to be along the line of
the Grand Canal and embouching
directly on Tientsin, the problem
is one that ought to be faced
instantly and at all costs. Millions
must have been spent already in
vain attempts to keep the stream
within its appointed bounds
—or perhaps it would be more
correct to say that millions have
been allotted for that purpose.
The mistake made throughout has
been in not making the work a
national undertaking. So long
as it is a provincial or even local
undertaking, each official is afraid
that, even if he himself does his
share of the work thoroughly, his
neighbours may neglect theirs
and so bring all his efforts and
labours to naught; and such a
state of affairs is scarcely likely
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GENERAL NEWS.

The New Woman.

Dr. Henry Head, one of the world's greatest specialists on the nervous system, declares co-education and love of independence have developed a race of selfish women, in whom the maternal instinct is being fast blotted out. He adds that association with the new woman has developed a type of cool, calculating, nonmarrying young men.

Japan and the Philippines.

On being asked for his views on Philippine independence, the Rev. Robert F. Fitch said: "Nothing would suit the Japanese better than the withdrawal of American authority in Philippines and an international agreement regarding autonomy or neutralization of the Philippine Islands. The Japanese had agreed to autonomy in Korea and the neutralization of Manchuria. But the Japanese were in Korea and in Manchuria to stay, and nothing but the actual presence of American authority backed up by American troops and forts and battleships would keep the Japanese from ultimate control of the Philippines."

Motor Car Shipment Record.

The record shipment to the East of forty-one motor cars in one ship and consigned to one firm arrived at Singapore on the 5th per steamer Bloomfield. They were all "Fords," and were to the order of Messrs. Wearne Brothers, Limited, Orchard Road, the Ford specialists.

Modern Fire-arms and wounds.

Professor Jedlicka, of Prague University, has delivered an interesting lecture on his experience in Poland. He had already treated 670 wounded, of whom only two suffered amputation. Remarkable is the rapid and successful healing of wounds caused by contemporary firearms. Even injury to the heart occasioned by the rifle healed quickly and thoroughly. On the strength of these observations he characterises the modern rifle as a weapon which disables but seldom kills.

Singapore Mortality Returns.

The mortality returns for Singapore issued by the Registrar of Births and Deaths, show that, during the week ending November 30, there were 237 deaths, (179 males, 58 females) giving a ratio per mille of population of 32.32. Malarial fever accounted for 39 deaths, phthisis 15, convulsions 25, beriberi 23, bronchitis 4, dysentery 17, pneumonia 9. Twenty-six children under three months of age died. The nationalities were represented as follows:—European 1, Eurasian 1, Chinese 131, Malays 41, Indians 13.

A German Big Gun.

According to official information (says the Berlin correspondent of the "Daily Mail") 15-inch guns 52ft. in length, 101 tons in weight, and throwing projectiles weighing 1,650lb. (nearly three-quarters of a ton), are being mounted on the latest type of German super-Dreadnought. It is also stated that 15in. guns have been mounted in the German battleships of the Kaiser class, which have hitherto been supposed to be armed only with 12in. guns. Guns of 15in. and 16in. bore are being tried in this country, but, so far as is known, no warship as yet building for the British Navy will be armed with any weapon heavier than the improved 13.5in. gun, which fires a 1,400lb. shell and is 55ft. in length.

Heroic Montenegrin Women.

Writing to the "Daily Chronicle," Miss M. E. Durham, the only lady war correspondent in the Balkans, says: "Soon I found myself in the midst of a struggling mass of ammunition mules floundering up the pass with their heavy burdens. They carried death. There were others—human couriers—who carried life—Montenegrin women bearing food to their men. Nothing in this campaign has been more striking than the extraordinary heroism of these women, who tramp backwards and forwards—even from distant towns—to the camps at the front. It is one of the most memorable features of a nation at war. Many of these women have been severely wounded while carrying water to the actual firing line. But that does not keep them back, for they gladly share the dangers of their husbands and brothers and sons."

USURY IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Officials as Money-Lenders.

The Governor-General of the Philippine Islands has been investigating a charge against Mr. P. C. McDonnell, one of the leading officials of Manila, of having taken more than 18 per cent. a year on money lent by him, contrary to an order promulgated by Governor-General Forbes. The Governor-General's letter of accusation and Mr. McDonnell's lengthy reply are published in the Manila Press. Mr. McDonnell emphatically denies that he has violated the order.

It is announced that Solicitor-General George R. Harvey, Assistant Attorney-General George A. Malcolm, City Attorney Isaac Adams, and Treasurer George J. Muni, of Manila, will be called upon by the Governor-General to explain their connection with certain loans alleged to have been made by them at a higher rate of interest than that allowed by executive regulation.

The following extract from Mr. McDonnell's reply is of more than local interest:—

"I feel that it is but fair to call the attention of your Excellency to the conditions as they exist in the Philippine Islands in reference to money. You must know with your familiarity with affairs in the Philippine Islands that the rate of eighteen per cent. per annum is not only usual but reasonable under existing conditions. The average individual who invests money in the Philippine Islands is satisfied with a return of not less than this amount. The Philippine Islands have not reached the point in their economic development where there is a surplus of money available for loaning purposes, and until that time arrives the borrower to secure money will find it necessary to offer a return which money can safely be expected to earn if diverted into other channels. The existence of these conditions is recognised by the fact that the maximum rate fixed at which Government employees may loan money is eighteen per cent."

AMERICA'S PRESIDENT

Dr. Woodrow Wilson as Scholar and Author.

Dr. Woodrow Wilson was born fifty-six years ago of mingled Scotch-Irish and English stock. He was president of Princeton University before he entered politics two years ago, and was elected Governor of New Jersey. He is a distinguished scholar and author.

"I have never heard Mr. Wilson lecture, but I have read pretty nearly everything he has ever written, and I have talked with the man himself," says Mr. Sydney Brooks in the "Chronicle." "Nothing more is needed to enable one to understand the extraordinary reputation he has as the Princeton professor of jurisprudence and politics. As much as any man one is ever likely to come across, Mr. Wilson has the supreme gift of a clarifying mind, a power of vivid and luminous speech, and an intelligence aflame with ideas, yet scientifically cool and keen and honest in its processes."

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Open-Mindedness. "I should not envy the man who tried to persuade Mr. Wilson to act against his conscience; but I should have no fears about trying to convince him that, on a given question, he had reached a wrong opinion. No one with his alertness and open-mindedness, no one so unpretentious and so conscious of his limitations, and so insistent as he is, on getting

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The Fuel Oil Journal in a recent issue states that the future oil supply of the United States will be derived from the distillation of oil-saturated shale, which is to be found in half the States of the Union. The supply from wells, continues the article, will not be equal to the demand, even when new oil-fields are developed in the Oklahoma and North Texas district, the Illinois area, and the Caddo district of North Louisiana.

The article states that, if the consumption of petroleum increases at its present rate, 200,000,000 barrels will be needed to meet the demand in 1917, a demand which can only be met by the distillation of shale-oils to supplement the supply from wells. As evidence of the statement that the demand is outstripping the supply, it is pointed out that Pennsylvania crude oils, which sold at 1.30 dol. per barrel at the wells last December, are now offered at from 1.60 to 1.70 dol., and similar advances have taken place in all other oil fields. The present reserve stocks of "light crudes" in the United States are estimated at 80,000,000 barrels as against 95,000,000 barrels in July, 1911, as a result of refiners having been compelled to draw on their reserves, and the impression is strong in the oil industry that new fields of sufficient size to stop this drain on reserves will not be found.

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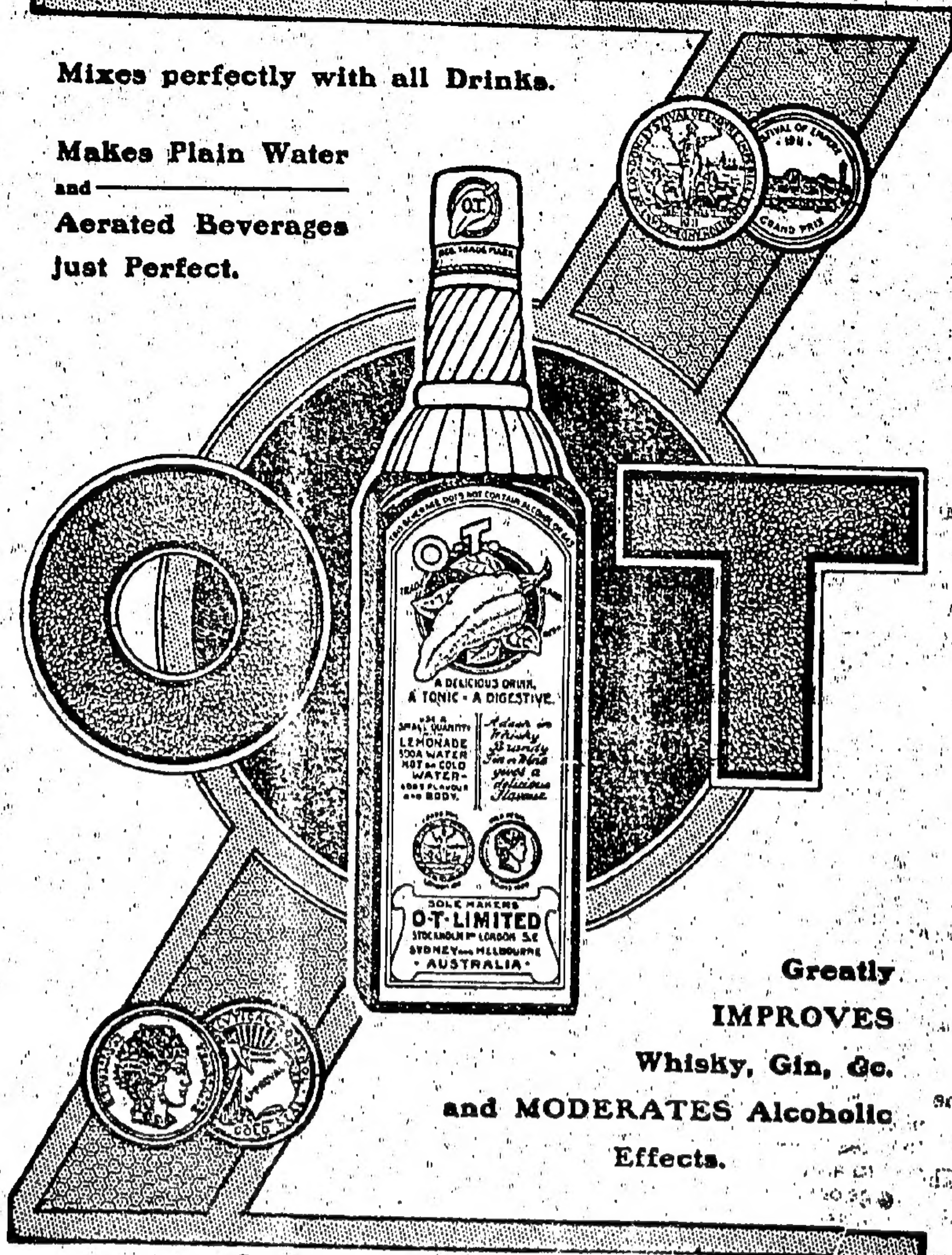
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THE STRIKE AT HOME.

The telegrams still give no very encouraging account of the industrial state of affairs at Home. In connection with the latest strike, it is urged by the men that the driver, Knox, about whom all the trouble has arisen, was unjustly discharged, inasmuch as the allegation of drunkenness was not proved; and there must have been very serious grounds for this contention, or a London magistrate would not have arrived at the decision mentioned in to-day's wire. Since the man can—as is maintained—produce a five-and-thirty years' good character, and since he can show that the accusation made against him was groundless, we can easily understand that the employers' refusal to re-instate him would create indignation among his fellow workers. Inasmuch as he has doubtless been the victim of a misunderstanding, we would like to see the fullest compensation made to him; but we cannot conceive how men with a grain of sense can go on strike with no greater incentive than this. We give them full credit for their sense of fairness and for their readiness to stand by their mate when he is in trouble; but—if we may ask—why strike?

We have before had occasion to remark that, where an eye to his own real and permanent interests is concerned, the British workman is somewhat of an ass. In the agricultural districts he is content to let the world glide past him, and to trust to charities, the Poor Law authorities, or to that extra big harvest which never comes, to get him out of his financial difficulties. In London he spends his time focusing his eye on "the main chance," (which is usually no chance at all) frankly owns his inability to fight his own money battles, and is perfectly willing to support a pack of agitators who thrive on his innocent belief that they are relieving him of his troubles. In the Northern industrial centres we meet a type of workman who is long-headed and far-seeing on every point on earth save this particular one of being led by the nose by labour agitators. On any other subject but this he is shrewd, deep-thinking, slow to arrive at a conclusion—never arriving at it at all till reason is amply satisfied.

Had the North Country workman been asked to apply his reasoning powers to any other matter than a labour dispute, he would have ruminated, argued, weighed all considerations, and finally decided on the course which, in his view, most made for general betterment. But where strike agitation comes in, his shrewdness and power of sober reflection desert him and he becomes no better than the Southerner; just one of a mob; just a sheep that jumps with the rest of the flock. In this case it does not seem to have dawned on the men that, for a very small fraction of what the union is losing in strike-pay, an appeal against the magistrate's decision could have been carried to a higher court, and abundant provision could have been made meanwhile for the accused man's immediate maintenance. But no; they would rather throw up their work and, when union funds run short, send round agents to take up a collection for the sustenance of their starving families! How long will it take them to find that they are playing a foolish and a losing game?

The "Telegraph's" Progress.

The "Telegraph" is always ready to offer a word of praise where energy is displayed by any public body or company, and it may be permitted to make reference to certain features in to-day's issue. It is enlarged by two pages which are devoted to special Christmas advertisements and to what are technically known as "write-ups." These pages will be found of peculiar value by would-be shoppers, and hence by our advertisers. This brings us to the point we wish to make. We take our readers into our confidence so far as to say that these pages represent solid business and are the result of arrangements between advertisers and ourselves. In this respect they differ from the usual hastily-written Christmas notes which have hitherto been customary and they form an entirely new departure. There are other proofs in to-day's issue that the "Telegraph" is making substantial progress—quite a few columns, for instance, in entirely new type. And this is little more than the beginning of progress.

Radical Comment.

It is significant that the Radicals, who are ostensibly "All for Progress," seem unable to accept any new suggestion or measure that, beyond doubt, would make for the good of the country, without cavilling or criticizing. Instances of this have been more plentiful than ever, of late. No sooner did Mr. McKenna propose that the ruffians who live on the white slave traffic should be flogged, than men of his own party turned against him and persisted in regarding him as a brute and a tyrant. No sooner, again, does a Colony offer a warship to the Empire than these cavillers seek to belittle that Colony's generosity and patriotism. This kind of thing was especially marked where the F. M. S. warship was concerned. It is hard to please everybody.

CAPTAIN'S NEW APPOINTMENT.

Capt. St. J. George, well known in connection with the Eastern and Australian S.S. Coy's mail service, has been offered a position in the Torres Strait Pilot Service. He has, therefore, tendered his resignation as commander in the E. and A. Line to take up the Pilot work. Capt. St. J. George has been associated with the E. and A. Coy for a period of 27 years and carries the best wishes of a large number of friends in shipping and commercial circles. While regretting his severance from the company's service, Capt. S. J. Green, the marine superintendent of the E. and A. Co., writes to Capt. George offering his good wishes for his future welfare.

HONGKONG HOLIDAYS.

Thirteen Fixed for Next Year. It is notified in the Government Gazette that the following Public and General Holidays will be observed as Government Holidays in 1913:—

Public Holiday
Empire Day—Saturday, 24th May.
General Holidays:
Wednesday, 1st January.
Thursday, 6th February.
Good Friday—21st March.
Saturday, 22nd March.
Easter Monday—24th March.
Whit Monday—12th May.
King's Birthday—Tuesday, 3rd June.

Monday, 4th August.
Monday, 13th October.
Monday, 10th November.
Christmas Day—Thursday, 25th December.

Friday, 26th December. It is further notified that His Excellency the Governor has excluded the Police Magistrates' Department from the operations of the Holidays Ordinance, 1912, on the 22nd and 24th March, 12th May, 4th August, 13th October, 10th November, and 26th December.

"The Pearl Mills."

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DAY BY DAY.

If you are going to be master in your own house, don't tell any one about it.

Portuguese Cruiser Arrives. The Portuguese cruiser Admiral master arrived to-day from Macao.

Seamen's Institute Concert. An interesting concert at the above institute is announced for Monday night.

Removal. Mr. J. P. Braga is moving his printing business on the 16th inst. from Queen's Road to 8 Peddars Hill.

Hongkong Christian Union. The Rev. W. W. Rogers will speak at the meeting of the Hongkong Christian Union at St. Paul's College on Monday next at 5.30 p.m.

The Navy League. It is notified that "The Navy League (Hongkong Branch)" has been exempted by the Governor-in-Council from registration under the Societies Ordinance, 1911.

Again Remanded. The motor car case in which the man Powell is the complainant, was again remanded by Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court, this morning, as Powell is still in hospital.

U. S. Shipping Rules. A despatch from the Secretary of State appears in the Government Gazette intimating the closing of certain United States harbours to commercial or privately owned vessels of foreign registry.

Harbour Offenders. At the Marine Magistrate's Court this morning Wong Chai and Wong Shing, fishmongers, were charged with anchoring their boats within 100 yards of low water mark, in a prohibited place and during prohibited hours on Dec. 13. They were each fined \$1.

Sir Kai Ho Kai. His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to re-appoint under the provisions of Section 10 of the Medical Registration Ordinance, 1884, the Honourable Sir Kai Ho Kai, Kt., M.B., O.M., C.M.G., to be a Member of the Medical Board for a further term of three years, with effect from the 18th May, 1912.

Ferris Hartman Company. Hongkong theatre-goes will be glad to hear that the above Company, after a most successful season at Manila, are opening here for three nights only, commencing on the 27th inst. They will open with "A Trip Abroad," to be followed by "The Girl and the Boy" and "Dream City." These are three of the Company's strongest pieces, and we predict big houses during the short stay of this popular Company.

Partnership Fees. New rules made under the Limited Partnership Ordinance provide that the fees payable to the Registrar of Companies under the Ordinance shall be as follows:—(a) on the original registration of a limited partnership of the sum of twenty dollars; (b) on the registration of a statement of any change within the meaning of section 8 of this Ordinance occurring during the continuance of a limited partnership the sum of three dollars.

BOXING.

To-night's Contest at the Skating Rink.

Despite the many counter attractions at the local theatre there is no doubt, according to the bookings for ringside seats, that there will be a good attendance at the Skating Rink to-night, when Hughie McIntosh places before the public some excellent fighters. The only change in the advertised programme will be a substitute for Potter who, at the moment, according to information conveyed to us, is lying in hospital. Though the latter is not very seriously ill, he is not well enough to box to-night, and it was thought better for him to come through his illness thoroughly so that he will not be suffering from any handicap when he meets Bar on Jan. 4th. The substitute is a capable one, and the boxing to-night should, according to the reputations of the men billed, be good.

TO PREVENT BOYCOTTS

A New Move by the Hongkong Government.

The Hongkong Government is apparently determined to deal more rigorously with organised breaches of the peace in the Colony, for to-day's "Government Gazette" contains two important intimations which will place greater power in the hands of the authorities.

The first of these is a Proclamation by His Excellency the Governor declaring the Colony subject to the provision of Sections 7 to 14 of the Peace Preservation Ordinance, which, it will be recalled, were brought into operation following the rioting at the time of the Chinese Revolution and subsequently cancelled.

But the most important step taken is the drawing up of a Bill, to be read a first time at the Legislative Council meeting on the 19th inst., entitled an Ordinance to prevent the undue and improper interference with or hampering of lawful business and commercial undertakings.

The important clauses of this Ordinance are as follow:—

3. Any person who shall be a member of or take part in any society which shall use violence, threat or intimidation to or towards any person or persons with the view of causing any person or persons either to do any act which such person or persons has or have a legal right to abstain from doing or to abstain from doing any act which such person or persons has or have a legal right to do shall be deemed to have committed an offence against the provisions of this Ordinance.

4. Any person who shall use violence, threat or intimidation to or towards any person or persons with the view of causing any person or persons either to do any act which such person or persons has or have a legal right to do, shall be deemed to have committed an offence against the provisions of this Ordinance.

5. Any person who shall commit boycotting as defined in this Ordinance shall be deemed to have committed an offence against the provisions of this Ordinance.

6. Any person who shall aid, abet, incite, induce or attempt to induce any person or persons to commit any offence against the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed to have committed an offence against the provisions of this Ordinance.

7. Any person who commits any offence against the provisions of this Ordinance shall be liable upon summary conviction to a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars or to imprisonment with or without hard labour for a period not exceeding one year or to both such punishments in addition to any other penalty or civil claim to which such person may be legally liable in respect of any act committed by him in or in connection with the commission by him of any offence against the provisions of this Ordinance.

8.—(1.) The Governor-in-Council may whenever it shall appear to him desirable for the prevention, detection or punishment of offences against the provisions of the Ordinance declare by Proclamation published in the Gazette that any area in the Colony shall be deemed to be a boycotting district.

(2.) Upon any such area being declared to be a boycotting area in manner provided in the preceding sub-section the Governor-in-Council may order by Proclamation published in the Gazette that a special rate be levied upon and payable by the inhabitants of such proclaimed area.

(3.) Any such order for the levy and payment of a special rate as aforesaid shall prescribe the amount of such rate, the class or classes of property upon which such rate shall be levied and the period for which such rate shall be levied.

(4.) The payment of any special rate imposed under the provisions of this section shall be made and shall be capable of being enforced in the same manner as are rates levied under the provisions of the Rating Ordinance 1901.

(5.) The Governor-in-Council may in his discretion exempt from the payment of any special rate levied under the provisions of this section any person who is an inhabitant of or property owner in any area proclaimed as a boycotting area under the provisions of this section.

(6.) It shall be lawful for the Governor-in-Council to order the payment to any person who may have incurred pecuniary loss or suffered damage by reason of any offence committed against the provisions of this Ordinance of the whole or any part amount of any special rate levied under the provisions of this section.

9. This Ordinance shall come into operation on the day of 191 , but if at the expiration of seven days after the date of the coming into operation of this Ordinance any state of boycotting or condition of boycotting which may be in existence at the date of the coming into operation of the Ordinance has not entirely ceased and abated it shall be lawful for the Governor-in-Council to declare by Proclamation published in the Gazette that the provisions of section 8 of this Ordinance shall operate retrospectively and shall be deemed to have been in force as from such date as may be said Proclamation be determined and upon the publication of such Proclamation the provisions of section 8 of this Ordinance shall be as from such date so determined in such Proclamation of full legal force and effect. For the purpose of this section the expressions "state of boycotting" and "condition of boycotting" shall mean any such state or condition of affairs as may in the opinion of the Governor-in-Council be regarded as a state of boycotting or condition of boycotting.

By the Ordinance "boycotting" means and includes the use of any words, the making placarding or dissemination of any writings or the doing of any acts intended or calculated to persuade or induce any person or persons

(a) not to let, hire, use, make use of or occupy any immovable or movable property in any lawful manner; or

(b) not to deal with, trade with work for or hire in any lawful manner any person or persons in the ordinary course of trade, business, occupation, employment or undertaking; or

(c) not to carry out or comply with the requirements of the Law; or

(d) to refuse to comply with or to interfere with the administration of the Law.

JAPANESE ADMIRAL LANDS.

Promptly at noon to-day Admiral S. Toehimi, of the Japanese Navy, accompanied by two officers of his personal staff, and two captains, landed at Blake Pier on an official visit to H. E. Sir Henry May.

The Hon. F. R. Somerset, A.D.C. to His Excellency, and the Japanese Consul were on the pier, while a guard of honour of Bulwicks, with a Pipe Band waited on shore. The Admiral inspected the guard, and then was taken to Government House in H. E. Sir Henry May's motor car, two of his staff following in Government House chairs.

This afternoon H. E. Sir Henry will return the Admiral's official visit, and to-night a dinner is being given at Government House for the Japanese Admiral and his officers.

DEATH OF MR.

F.W. EDWARDS.

Many of our readers will regret to hear that Mr. F.W. Edwards, of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Co., known familiarly for many years in Hongkong as "Pa Edwards," died at Shanghai yesterday morning after a long illness. Mr. Edwards was formerly Assistant Superintendent in Hongkong and left about four years ago to take charge of the Company's office at Peking. He had hosts of friends along the China Coast and notably amongst the Masonic body, and was held in affectionate regard by all who knew him.

HONGKONG THIRTY YEARS AGO.

(Compiled from the "Hongkong Telegraph" files for the Week Ending December 14th.)

[Under the above heading we intend publishing once a week—on Saturday—a précis of the more interesting happenings in Hongkong during the corresponding week 30 years ago, as revealed by an examination of the issues of the "Hongkong Telegraph" for that period. This is a feature which we feel sure will be appreciated by our readers.]

Masonic Ball. On December 8th, 1882, a meeting was held at the Freemasons Hall, Zetland Street, for the purpose of making preliminary arrangements for the grand ball arranged to be given under Masonic auspices in celebration of the anniversary of St. John's Day. It was agreed that the ball be held in January following, and the subscription was fixed at \$10 with \$5 for each non-Masonic guest.

The Ricksha Nuisance. In the leading article of December 9th there is a reference to the dangers of street traffic. We are told that "the jinnikshu nuisance is going from bad to worse, and rendering our roads almost impassable." It is advocated that the number of rickshas be reduced by at least one-half and the rule of the road strictly enforced by severe penalties.

Cricket. A match between the Buffs and the Hongkong Cricket Club took place on the 8th, resulting in a win for the military men by an innings and one run. The Club compiled 81 and 65 and the Buffs 147. For the Club Mr. H. E. Wolehouse was top scorer with 27 and Lieut. R. S. Hedley, R.E., next with 26. The highest score of the match was put up by Capt. Howarth, who made 31.

Masonic Installations. A meeting of Lodge of Victoria, No. 1026, was held on the 9th, when Bro. W. Kerfoot Hughes was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The following officers were also invested:—S.W., Bro. W.H. Ray; J.W., Bro. E.B. Jorey; rens., Bro. A.E.C. Hawkins; Sec., Bro. A.O.D. Gourdin; S.D., Bro. L.O. Balfour; I.G., Bro. S.W. Wright; Tyler, Bro. J.R. Grimble. A supper was subsequently held.

On December 11th an Emergency Lodge of St. John, No. 618 S.C., was held, Bro. Robert Fraser-Smith being installed R.W.M. for the ensuing year. The following officers were also invested:—I.P.M., Bro. James Christie; S.W., Bro. J.W. Croker; Treas., Bro. J. Vanstone; Sec., Bro. L. Wells; S.D., Bro. W. Schmidt; J.D., Bro. D.S. Henyeman; D.O., Bro. L. Kirschmann; Steward, Bro. A. Wohlers; I.G., Bro. W. Ramsey; Tyler, Bro. T. Partington.

The Courts and Business. Thirty years ago, apparently, the Courts worked well in business interests, for we read on December 11th that owing to the 18th falling on a Monday, the Criminal Sessions were to be postponed until the Wednesday, "so as not to impede the mail work."

Earthquake Shocks. Three shocks of earthquake, at intervals of about a minute, were felt very distinctly in the Colony on the night of the 9th, the oscillation being from east to west.

The Dollar. The rate of the dollar, on demand, on December 14th, 1882, was 3/7.1-2.

GRAPE FRUIT LOCALLY GROWN.

Those who take an interest in their fruit and household gardens will find it noteworthy that Mr. Ho Tung has brought another specimen of the grape fruit to perfection. It was grown on a tree in his garden in Coigne Road.

The grape fruit is one of the orange and lemon families and is classed as "Citrus Decumana." It is presumed to be a native of the Malay and Polynesian Islands and is consequently quite a tropical fruit. The leaves are like those of the orange, but downy on the under surface. The flowers are large and while the fruit is globular in form, not unlike an orange, but paler in colour.

SPECIAL CABLES.

THE CRISP LOAN.

SECOND HALF CANCELLED.

[Our Own Correspondent].
Shanghai, December 14.
It is understood that Mr. Orieip has agreed to cancel the second half of the ten million Loan and not to pay two millions of the balance already floated but unpaid.
The question of compensation for the accommodation has not yet been determined.

MONGOLIA AFFAIR.

RUSSIA GETTING IMPATIENT.

[Our Own Correspondent].
Shanghai, December 14.
Russia is displaying impatience with Peking over the settlement of the Mongolian question.

TURKS FROM CHINA.

Everybody knows that the Turks are a sort of Tartars (like the Bulgarians), but it is perhaps not generally known that they originally came from China. A correspondent of the "Manchester Guardian" writes that the name "Tark" was first heard of about 530 A.D. when the first Khans began to give trouble. The name means "helmet" and arises from a helmet-shaped mountain under the lee of which the tribe dwelt as nomads. After some years of fighting both with their own former Tartar conquerors and then with China, the Turks, or "Helmet" dwellers, became a Power of the first class, giving their name to all the other kindred tribes, but soon split up into the Northern and Western divisions—the latter had relations with Persia and Constantinople during the sixth and seventh centuries. Being ultimately, both of them, crushed by China, they worked their way west, as their forebears the Huns did, and we can easily trace their path to Adrianople.

RATHER WARM.

The Trials and Troubles of A Stowaway.

A Chinese named Li Ki was charged before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court, this morning, by Inspector Kerr, with being a stowaway on board the s.s. Taming, on her recent trip to Manila.

Defendant said he was put in a hole under the boiler, by a stoker. It was so hot there that it scorched him (laughter) and he could not bear it (laughter). He screamed out "save life" (more laughter), and then he was found (laughter).

His Worship:—Are you having many of these cases?
Inspector Kerr:—Not on these boats, but to Australia.—Yes. This is only a Manila boat.

Is the ship liable to be fined?
—Yes the ship is liable to a fine of \$500 (gold)
\$500, or six months.

A GAME OF CHANCE.

Soldier Convicted of Gambling.

A the Police Court, this morning, before Mr. Hazeland, a private in the 24th Punjab was charged with gambling.

Inspector Cameron said that he saw the defendant with several others playing a game with shells on the hillside at Yau-mat. All the men were soldiers, and were playing for money.

Indian P.S. 581 said the game that the men were playing was known to him. The shells were used for currency in India, where the game was frequently played. The defendant denied that he was playing the game; he was passing and looked on at the game.

His Worship said he was satisfied after hearing the evidence that the game was a game of chance, and that the defendant was playing it. He would be fined \$5 or in default fourteen days.

THE BOATSWAINS MATE.

Clever Entertainment Last Night.

There was a fairly good house present last night at the entertainment in the Theatre Royal. But we should expect to see a much bigger audience to-night. The entertainment was excellent from end to end and can be warmly recommended to those who did not see it last night. It was graced by the presence of H. E. the Governor, Sir Henry May, Lady May, and Miss May.

The first part of the entertainment was varied and clever. The band of the Minotaur opened it with "William Tell," and from that point the evening's work passed very smoothly. Blacksmith Griffiths of the Minotaur gave an exhibition of weight lifting which was wonderfully clever for an amateur. Some of his feats were equal to the best class of professional strong man.

Mr. White R. N., sang "The Toreador" and responded with "Glorious Devon" when he was vociferously encored. Some "blind boxing" was a clever turn; so was that by the Windsor Naval Banjo Troupe, which is a first-class combination. Mr. P. West and Mr. Allan were at their best, and what that means Hongkong audiences know well. Part two of the programme was "The Boatswain's Mate," by W. W. Jacobs. It is Jacobs at his best; it also saw three clever Hongkong amateurs at their best. Mrs. W. B. Walker as the landlady was the cleverest of the three members of the cast. Her work, notably in the gun and grave scenes, was admirable and beyond praise. Lieut. T. E. Greenfield R.N., as George Bann and Sub Lieut. G. O. Maund, R.N., as Ned Travers made every joke in the comedy which could be made; and Jacobs himself would have been delighted. "The Boatswain's Mate" should be seen to-night.

One must offer a word of praise to the band, under the direction of bandmaster F. Jordan.

The scenery had been kindly lent by the Amateur Dramatic Club, and the following also deserve mention.—General Manager, Sub-Lieut. G. O. Maund, R.N., Business Manager, Lieut. T. E. Greenfield, R.N., Stage Manager, Lieut. G. M. Welman, R.N., Asst. Stage Manager, Capt. G. Harrison, R.M.L.I., Musical Director, Bandmaster F. Jordan, Electrician L. S. Pearce.

The variety programme for to-night is as follows:—

Overture ... William Tell.
Comic Song ... Mr. Allan.
The Windsor Naval Banjo Troupe.
Song ... Mrs. Schofield.
Weight Lifting Exhibition.
Blacksmiths.
Griffiths H.M.S. Minotaur.
Song ... The Toreador.
Mr. White R.N.
Comic Song ... Mr. H. West.

A QUESTION OF TENDER.

In the Summary Court this morning before Mr. Justice Gompertz, Oyager Singh, watchman to N. Mody & Co. sued Charagh Din Master tailor of Victoria Barracks, and Aloun Din tailor for Messrs Gross and Co., Dex Voux Road to recover the sum of \$69.30 being as to \$60 the amount under a promissory note dated Sept. 11 1912 and as to the remainder, interest thereon.

Mr. J. H. Gardiner appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. Leo D'Almada Castro for the defendant. Mr. D'Almada e Castro said that at the last hearing he pleaded that the amount due was tendered by the defendant. The onus was on him to prove it.

Churagh Din in the witness box deposed to tendering \$67.50 the amount originally due, to the plaintiff, two or three times, but the plaintiff refused to accept it saying he wanted 4 per cent interest and not 2 per cent. Plaintiff's case in reply to that of the defendant, was that he had been pressing the defendants right up to the time of the issue of the writ. There had been no tender of the money made.

Judgment was given for the plaintiff.

SANITARY BOARD.

The following are the orders of the day for the meeting on Tuesday December 17th:—

Letter from Government relative to permits for obtaining building materials and turf from the Pokfulam Catchment area.

Letter from Government relative to the erection of a temporary market in Canal Road West.

Letter from Government relative to the erection of one water closet on the 5th floor of the Hongkong Hotel Marine Lot No. 7.

Applications for permission to erect three water closets and three urinals at the School of Anatomy, Hongkong University, Inland Lot No. 1859, Pokfulam Road.

Correspondence relative to the well at No. 393, Shanghai Street.

List of legal proceedings taken by this Department against persons for breaches of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinances 1903-1911 for the month of November, 1912.

Mortality return from Macao for the weeks ending 25th November and 2nd December, 1912.

Mortality return for the weeks ending 23rd, and 30th November and for the month ending 30th November, 1912.

Limewashing return for the fortnight ending 28th November, 1912.

Rat return for the weeks ending 30 November and 7th December, 1912.

THEFTS FROM BLUEJACKETS.

A bluejacket on one of H.M. Torpedo boats saw a coal coolie taking a pair of boots from the ship. Thinking they were his own, he buttonholed the thief. He found, however, that the boots belonged to a ship mate of his. Later he found that his own boots were also missing. In consequence a search was made and three coolies were arrested.

At the Police Court, this morning, the men were brought before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, and charged. The first man for being in unlawful possession of one pair of boots was fined \$25 or in default one month's imprisonment. The man who was seen stealing the boots was also fined \$25 or in default one month. The third man was discharged.

THE AMERICAN ABROAD.

The American who, in his own country, is in feverish haste to improve conditions, when he sets foot in Europe becomes the fanatical foe to progress. The Old World, in his judgment, ought to look old. He longs to hear the platter of wooden shoes. If he had his way he would have laws enacted forbidding peasant folk to change their costumes. He would preserve every relic of feudalism. He bitterly laments the division of great estates. A nobleman's park with its beautiful idle acres, its deer, its pheasants, and its scurrying rabbits, is so much more pleasant to look at than a succession of market gardens. Poachers, game-keepers, and equires, are alike interesting, if only they would dress so that he could know them apart. He is enchanted with thatched cottages which look damp and picturesque. He detests the model dwellings which are built with a too-obvious regard for sanitation. He seeks narrow and ill-smelling streets where the houses nod at each other, as if in the last stages of senility, mattering mysterious reminiscences of old tragedies. He frequents scenes of ancient murders, and places where bandits once did congregate. He leaves the railway carriage, to cross a heath where romantic highwaymen used to ask the traveller to stand and deliver. He is indignant to find electric lights and policemen. A heath ought to be lonely, and fens ought to be preserved from drainage—Samuel McCloud Crothers in Atlantic Magazine.

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A COMMON PRACTICE.

Two Chinese who falsely represented themselves as collectors for the Tin Hau Temple, were arrested by Detective Sergeant Brown, and brought before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court, this morning.

It was stated that the practice was a fairly common one and fifty on sixty witnesses for the prosecution could be brought if desired.

The defendants were each fined \$100 or three months imprisonment in default.

TO IMPROVE HEMP INDUSTRY.

Manila Assembly Passes new Bill.

The following bills were presented at the Philippine Assembly last week and assigned to committees by the Speaker.

By Delegate Perez, a bill to change the existing law regarding the payment of cedulas by poor persons and municipal officials and to effect the provision that those not paying the same will be imprisoned.

By Delegate Perez, a bill providing to grant authority to municipalities to spend the unexpended part of their funds as they may desire, without being under the necessity of securing the approbation of the provincial treasurer, providing that the sum does not exceed five hundred pesos per year, for the purpose of succouring these persons who have suffered from some public calamity.

The above two bills having been presented, the lower house listened to Delegate Fidel A. Reyes, who spoke in favour of bill number 184, a measure which was directed to the improvement of the condition of the islands. The speaker pointed out the fact that hemp was one of the principal products of the Philippines and any legislation which was passed favouring its assistance would be beneficial to the growers of that product and to the people of the islands generally. When voted upon, the bill passed by a comfortable majority.

Delegate Corpus next spoke on concurrent resolution number 2 providing for a ground of agreement for the two houses of the legislature, for the passing of the appropriation bill. The speaker spoke at length on the measure, saying that it was the inalienable right of the lower houses of all legislative bodies in modern times to regulate appropriation measures and the upper house, at most, could make suggestions or amendments. At any rate, he believed that the Assembly should have the power here and for that reason asked the members to uphold him in that position. The question being put by the Speaker, the resolution was passed and the house adjourned, to meet again on Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

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To-day.
"The Boatswain's Mate" Theatre Royal.

Aviation Exhibition at Shatin.
Rugby Football: Hongkong Club V. H. M. S. Kent.—4 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 15.
Aviation Exhibition at Shatin.

Tuesday, Dec. 17.

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Thursday, Dec. 19.

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Friday Dec. 20.

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LOG BOOM.

Searchlights and Steam Signals.

It is notified in a recent number of the Ceylon Government Gazette that any vessel approaching or leaving Colombo Harbour when searchlights are being worked, and finding that they interfere with her safe navigation, may make use of the following signals either singly or combined:—(a) By flash lamp, four short flashes followed by one flash. (b) By whistle, siren, or foghorn, four short blasts followed by one long blast. Whenever possible, both flash lamp signals and sound signals should be used. On these signals being made, the searchlights will be worked so as to cause the least inconvenience, being either doused, raised or their direction altered. The signals should not be used without real necessity, as, unless the vessel is actually in the rays of the searchlight, it is impossible to know which searchlight is affected.

Port of Calcutta.

Few people have any idea of the enormous value of the trade that passes through the port of Calcutta, or the increase that has taken place within recent years. But, from a statement showing quantities and approximate value of the merchandise, exclusive of treasure and animals imported into and exported from Calcutta, by boats, inland steamers, rail, road, coasting steamers and ocean-going steamers, during the years 1903-04 and 1911-12, we get some idea as to what the trade development of Calcutta has been during these eight years. Thus, in 1903-04, the total imports by all the methods of transport named above, amounted to 7,585,988 tons, valued at £66,720,916. For 1911-12 the figures are 11,737,754 tons, being a net increase of 4,150,766 tons, valued at £104,505,724, or a net increase of £37,784,798. So that in eight years the value has very nearly doubled itself. The total exports in 1903-04 amounted to 5,503,987 tons, valued at £67,870,468. In 1911-12 the total tonnage had risen to 8,032,268 tons, being an increase of 2,528,281 tons, valued at £107,506,720, or an increase of £39,636,252. Taking the imports and exports together, the total volume of trade amounted to 13,090,975 tons in 1903-04, which had risen in 1911-12 to 19,770,022 tons, being an increase of 6,679,047 tons. The value of this prodigious quantity in the eight years of £77,414,859, or in Indian currency, an increase of 11,612,222,887 rupees, for both exports and imports.

The report that the Admiralty have ordered an oil-carrying vessel of 8,000 tons capacity, to be driven by a heavy-oil Diesel motor, appears to show that they have now decided eventually to add one more auxiliary to each battle fleet. Fleet colliers have supplied the fuel necessities of the past to a fleet or squadron at isolated places, when exercises and evolutions were being carried out, but so much oil fuel is now being used by the ships of the Navy that an oil-fuel ship has become as necessary as a collier to complete the fuelling of fleets and squadrons away from their bases for considerable periods. Great efforts have been directed of late years towards making all separate sea-going commands as self-contained as possible, from battle fleet to torpedo flotilla, and so auxiliaries in the shape of fleet colliers, parent ships, factory ships, hospital ships, &c., have been provided by converting old fighting ships of little value, or building new and more suitable vessels for the purpose. To these are apparently now to be added oil-fuel ships, which will be able to minister to the fuel necessities of a fleet at sea as well as in a harbour or roadstead. We have often pointed out that the "Globe" how much easier oil can be conveyed from one ship to another while at sea than coal, as the latter requires smooth water, while it should be possible to "oil" a battleship at sea in any moderate weather. The vessels built by the Admiralty for their overseas oil traffic carry 2,000 tons only; but a ship "oiling" a fleet would naturally require to be of much larger capacity.

Wives wanted in the Philippines. Five thousand young men in the Philippines making £400 a year or more, are in need of wives, says the "New York Herald." One of them has written to Dr. W. P. Cutler, State Food and Dairy Commissioner of Missouri, asking him if he can be of any assistance in telling Missouri girls of the opportunity open to them.

The "nest" made by the escaped orang-utan in the Zoological Gardens recently was wired securely in the tree in which it was formed, so that this curious relic may be preserved. It has been inspected by a traveller, who claims to have seen similar structures made by orang-utan in their native woods in Borneo and Sumatra. He is of the opinion that they are not permanent habitations, but temporary shelters made every night, and that their object is not to provide a secure platform, but a protective roof over the head of the ape, itself, resting on a branch underneath.

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do do do	Sambia	H. A. L.	11 January
Havre, Bremen and Hamburg, &c.	Liberia	H. A. L.	16 December
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do do do	Fuerst Buelow	H. A. L.	23 January
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Cape Ports via Mauritius	Dunerie	Bank Line	Begin, January
Copenhagen and Baltic Ports	Canton	A. N. & Co.	15 January
Trieste via Singapore, Penang & Colombo, &c.	Africa	S. W. & Co.	19 December
Trieste, Fiume, Venice via Singapore, &c.	Persia	S. W. & Co.	31 Dec., about
Naples, Genoa, Algiers, Gibraltar, Southampton	Luetzow	M. & Co.	25 December

New York, San Francisco and Canada.

Boston and New York	Egremont Castle	D & Co.	19 Dec., about
New York via Suez Canal	Schuykill	Bank Line	30 December
New York via Ports and Suez Canal	Swazi	S. T. & Co.	9 Jan., about
San Francisco via Shanghai and Japan, &c.	Chiyo Maru	T. K. K.	23 December
do do do do	Manchuria	P. M. Co.	17 December
do do do do	Nile	N. Y. K.	31 December
Victoria, Vancouver, &c.	Ockloy	Bank Line	17 December
Victoria, B.C., and Tacoma via Japan, &c.	Tacoma Maru	O. S. K.	28 December
Victoria, B.C., and Tacoma via Keelung, &c.	Panama Maru	O. S. K.	4 January
Victoria, B.C., and Seattle via Shanghai, &c.	Awa Maru	N. Y. K.	31 December
Vancouver via Shanghai and Japan, &c.	Empress of India	C. P. R. Co.	11 January

Australia.

Australian Ports	Changsha	B. & S.	4 January
Australian Ports via Manila	Kumano Maru	N. Y. K.	20 December
do do do	Prinz Waldemar	M. & Co.	28 December

Singapore, Coast Ports and Japan.

Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang, &c.	Tjitaroem	J. O. J. L.	Quick despatch
do do do	Tjimahi	J. O. J. L.	Quick despatch
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Yatsang	J. M. & Co.	18 December
Singapore, Penang, Rangoon and Calcutta	Kirin Maru	N. Y. K.	14 December
Bombay via Singapore and Colombo	Wakasa Maru	N. Y. K.	23 December
Sandakan	Manang	J. M. & Co.	19 December
Japan	Tjiliwong	J. O. J. L.	Quick despatch
do	Tjimanoeck	J. O. J. L.	Quick despatch
Yokohama and Kobe via Shanghai	E. F. Ferdinand	S. W. & Co.	30 Dec., about
do do do	Vorwaerts	S. W. & Co.	30 Dec., about
Kobe and Yokohama	Mishima Maru	N. Y. K.	19 December
do do do	Coblenz	M. & Co.	7 Jan., about
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Yawata Maru	N. Y. K.	18 December
Kwang-chow-wang and Haiphong	Si-Kiang	M. M. Co.	18 December
Swatow	Haimun	D. L. & Co.	15 December
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiching	D. L. & Co.	17 December
do do do	Haitan	D. L. & Co.	20 December
Tamsui via Swatow and Amoy	Daigi Maru	O. S. K.	15 December
Foochow via Swatow and Amoy	Kaijo Maru	O. S. K.	18 December
Manila	Yuensang	J. M. & Co.	21 December
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	Taming	B. & S.	17 December
Manila, Mangarin, Iloilo and Cebu	Rubi	S. T. & Co.	17 December
do do do do	Zafiro	S. T. & Co.	27 December
Shanghai, Moji and Kobe	Rangoon Maru	N. Y. K.	18 December
Shanghai, Kobe and Moji	Katsang	J. M. & Co.	13 December
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Armenia	H. A. L.	17 December
do do do	Amazona	M. M. Co.	16 December
do do do	Hakata Maru	N. Y. K.	23 December
Shanghai	Tjilatjap	J. O. J. L.	Quick despatch
do	Tjibodas	J. O. J. L.	Quick despatch
do	Tjikini	P. M. Co.	Quick despatch
do	Delta	P. & O. Co.	19 Dec., about
do	Koerber	S. W. & Co.	5 January
do	Kwongsang	J. M. & Co.	17 December
do	Lienshing	J. M. & Co.	17 December

America and Chusan Islands.

The "Hoochi" states that the negotiations between the Chinese Minister in America and Mr. Knox, Secretary of State, regarding the proposed lease of the Chusan Islands have been in a state of deadlock owing to the election of the President, but that, according to the latest information, the Chinese Government appears to desire the quick conclusion of the negotiations owing to the tardiness of the loan negotiations, with the Six Powers Syndicate, and to a belief that the partition of China Proper will be prevented should the island be leased to America. It is presumed that the reported lease of the archipelago may be realised.

Anglo-Indian papers to hand contain long accounts of the lamentable death of Sir William Dring, O.L.E., agent of the East Indian Railway, under tragic circumstances. While travelling between Bombay and Calcutta his servant found Sir William missing, and on information being given, the train was stopped and the body eventually found on the track. It is presumed that the deceased fell on the track between two carriages by the jolting of the train. For ninety feet the track bore bloodstains. Sir William Dring had just arrived from home and was on his way to Calcutta on November 25.

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The above steamer of 5,687 tons register and cleared 100 A.I. at L'Orleans, having superior first class passenger accommodation, fitted with wireless telegraphy, electric fans in all staterooms and carrying first class passengers only, is due at Hongkong on the 18th instant, and will leave for Yokohama direct the following day. She will return here on THURSDAY, January 2nd and sail for Singapore, Penang, Rangoon, Calcutta, Madras, Colombo, Bombay, Suez (for Cairo), Port Said, Messina and Marseilles on MONDAY, January 6th 1913.

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THE Steamship

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will be despatched from this port on
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Hongkong, 12th Dec. 1912.

MOVEMENTS OF
STEAMERS.VESSELS ADVERTISED TO
DEPART TO-MORROW.

For	Vessel
Swatow,	Daigi-maru.
Haiphong,	Sungkiang.
Formosa,	Helene.

DEPART ON MONDAY.

Macao,	Sui Tai.
Foochow,	Haiching.
Shanghai,	Lienshing.
Japan,	Amazona.
Havre,	Liberia.

VESSELS ADVERTISED TO
ARRIVE TO-MORROW.

From	Vessel
Java,	Suisang.
Singapore,	Pembroke-shire.

ARRIVE ON MONDAY.

Sydney,	Yawata-maru.
Manila,	Chiyo-maru.

AMERICAN MAIL.

The P.M. str. Mongolia, with the American mail, left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, the Japan ports and Manila on the 30th November.

The P.M. s.s. Manchuria, voy. 36, will be dispatched from this port at 1 p.m. on Tuesday December 17th, for San Francisco, via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama and Honolulu.

The P.M. str. Persia, arrived at San Francisco on the 11th inst.

The T. K. K. s.s. Chiyo Maru left Nagasaki for Manila on the 7th inst. and may be expected here on the 16th inst.

The T. K. K. s.s. Nippon Maru, left San Francisco for Hongkong via usual ports on the 7th inst. and is due here on the 31st inst.

CANADIAN MAIL.

A wireless message from the C.P.R. str. Empress of India, sent at 1 p.m., Wednesday, the 11th inst., when the vessel was 800 miles distant from Japan, advised all well, and that the Commander expects to reach Yokohama at 9 a.m., Saturday, the 14th inst.

AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The E. and A. str. St. Albans, from Sydney, left Port Darwin on the 2nd inst. for Timor, Manila and Hongkong.

The N. Y. K. s.s. Yawata Maru Australian Line, left Sydney for this port via ports of call on 27th November, and is expected here on the 16th December.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The s.s. Shimosa sailed from New York on the 24th inst., for Far East, via the Straits.

The H. A. L. s.s. Liberia, left Shanghai on the 11th inst. a.m., and may be expected here on or about the 14th inst. p.m.

The str. Kansas, passed the Suez Canal on the 3rd December, and is due here on or about 3rd January.

The T. K. K. s.s. Kiyo Maru, arrived at Honolulu from Manzanillo on the 13th inst. and is due in Hongkong on the 18th January.

The T. K. K. s.s. Buyo Maru, arrives at Iquique from Callao and Arica on the 13th inst., and leaves again for Valparaiso on the 15th inst.

The O. S. K. s.s. Seattle Maru, which sailed hence on the 31st October, arrived at Tacoma on the 28th November.

The I.-C. S. N. Co.'s s.s. Kumsang, from Singapore, is due at Hongkong on the 18th inst., and leaves for Japan on the 20th inst.

The I.-C. S. N. Co.'s s.s. Suisang, from Java, is due at Hongkong on the 15th inst.

The Shire Line s.s. Pembroke-shire, from London, is due at Hongkong on the 15th inst. She left Singapore on the 8th inst.

The Indra Line s.s. Indramayo, from New York, is due at Hongkong on the 23rd inst. She passed Canal on the 26th ult.

The B. I. S. N. Co.'s s.s. Upada, from Singapore, is due at Hongkong on the 17th inst. and leaves for Japan on the 20th inst.

VESSELS IN PORT.

Steamers.

Daigi Maru, Jap. s.s., 846, Y. Somekawa 11th Dec.—Tamsui, Amoy and Swatow 8th Dec., Gen.—O. S. K.

Carl Diederichsen, Ger. s.s., 774, Chi. Jurgensen, 12th Dec. Haiphong & Ho-how 10th Dec., Rice.—J. & Co.

ChipShing, Br. s.s., 1,199, Mooney, 13th Dec.—Canton 12th Dec., Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Ciaara Jebsen, Ger. s.s., 1,103, A. P. Ulderup, 13th Dec.—Canton 12th Dec., Gen.—J. & Co.

Frithjof, Nor. s.s., 891, O. Anderson, 8th Dec.—Tsingtau 1st Dec., Coal.—A. T. & Co.

Haimun, Br. s.s., 641, J. W. Evans, 13th Dec.—Swatow 12th Dec., Gen.—D. L. & Co.

Haldia, Nor. s.s., 1,065, J. Jorgensen, 10th Dec.—Sourabaya 29th Dec., Sugar.—T. & Co.

Hanoi, Fr. s.s., 739, G. Bonnier, 12th Dec.—Haiphong via Pakhoi 10th Dec., Gen.—A. R. Marty.

Helene, Ger. s.s., 771, J. Jensen, 8th Dec.—Ho-how 5th Dec., Gen.—J. & Co.

Hoihow, Br. s.s., 987, McCulloch, 10th Dec.—Amoy 7th Dec., Ballast.—B. & S.

Kjeld, Nor. s.s., 890, T. Hellero, 7th Dec.—Haiphong 5th Dec., Stofte.—A. T. & Co.

Kobyu, Br. s.s., 1,166, Ballast, 12th Dec.—Manila 5th Dec., Gen.—R. Bass.

Kourst, Rus. s.s., 6,251, Padalka, Dec.—Wladivostok and Shanghai 8th Dec., Gen.—Lukhmanoff.

Kueihow, Br. s.s., 1,215, Cole, 13th Dec.—Canton 12th Dec., Gen.—B. & S.

Laertes, Br. s.s., 1,320, Wawn, 5th Dec.—Saigon 22nd Nov., Gen.—Wo Fat Sing.

Lord Curzon, Br. s.s., 2,337, P. G. Hendrickson, 2nd Dec.—Moji 26th Nov., Flour, etc.—Order.

Lyeemoun, Ger. s.s., 1,254, O. Sarly, 12th Dec.—Saigon 6th Dec., Gen.—H. A. L.

Manchuria, Am. s.s., 8,750, A. Dixon, 7th Dec.—San Francisco 9th Nov., Mail and Gen.—P. M. S. Co.

Sungkiang, Br. s.s., 1,045, E. Finlayson, 11th Dec.—Haiphong and Pakhoi 8th Dec., Gen.—B. & S.

Telemachus, Br. s.s., 1,340, Fraser, 3rd Dec.—Saigon 2nd Dec., Gen.—Wo Fat Sing.

Yatsing, Br. s.s., 1,424, Anderson, 11th Dec.—Moji 4th Dec., Coal.—J. M. & Co.

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Beaumont, G. A. Law, Mr. and	
Belhios, Mrs. E. Mrs. H. D.	
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Finlayson, Mrs. Shishkin, S. H. C.	
Fisher, H. G. Solomon, H. H.	
Fowler, E. A. S. Sutherland, P.	
French, Mrs. and child Spathe, Mr. and	
Fuller, Danman Mrs. H.	
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MARKET PRICES.

Hongkong, December 13, 1912.

BUTCHER MEAT.

Butcher Meat.	
Beef Strain & Prime Cut, -Mei Lung Pa	lb. 20
" Corned, -Ham Ngau Yuk	" 20
" Roast, -Shiu	" 20
" Breast, -Nagu Lam	" 16
" Soup, -Tong Yuk	" 15
" Steak, -Ngau Yuk Pa	" 20
" do., -Sirloin Cotom -Ngau Lau	" 30
" Sausages, -Ngau Chong	" 24
Bullock's Brains, - Know	per set 0
" Tongue fresh, -Ngau Li	each 45
" corned, -Ham Ngau Li	" 80
" Head, -Ngau Tan	" 12
" Heart, -Ngau Sum	" 18
" Lump, Salt, -Ngau Kia	" 9
" Feet, -Ngau Kaak	" 9
" Kidneys, -Ngau Yi	" 18
" Tail, -Ngau Moi	" 12
" Liver, -Ngau Kon	" 6
" Tripe (undressed), -Ngau To	" 15
Calve Head & Feet, -Ngau-chai-tau-kark	set \$1
Mutton Chop, -Young Pei Kwat	lb. 15
" Leg, -Young Pei	" 25
" Shoulder, -Young Shau	" 22
Pigs Chidlings, -Chu Chong	" 22
" Brains, -Chu Know	por set 24
" Feet, -Chu Kark	lb. 12
" Fry, -Chu Chuk	" 25
" Head, -Chu Tau	" 15
" Heart, -Chu Sum	each 13
" Kidneys, -Chu Yiu	" 9
" Liver, -Chu Con	lb. 30
Pork, Chop, -Chu Pai Kwat	" 20
" Corned, -Bam Chu Yuk	" 24
" Log, -Chu Pa	" 15
" Fat or Lard, -Chu Yiu	set 65
Sheep Head and Feet, -Chu Tau Kark	each 7
" Heart, -Young Sum	" 9
" Kidneys, -Young Yiu	lb. 25
" Liver, -Young Con	" 22
Sucking Pigs, To Order -Chu Cha	" 20
Suet, Beef -Sang Ngau Yau	" 20
" Mutton, -Sang Yeung Yau	" 20
" Veal, -Ngau Chai Yuk	" 20
" Sausages, -Ngau Chai Chong	" 20

POULTRY.

Poultry.	
Chicken, -Kai Chai	lb. 28
Capon, Large, Small, -Sin Kai	" 24
" Duck, -Fai Kau	each 15
" Eggs, Hen -Kai Tan	per doz 24
" Eggs, Canton, -Kai	lb. 30
" Hainan, -Hoi Nam Kai	" 25
" Goose, -Ngi	pair \$1.30
" Goose, Wild Shai, -Shang-ho Yea Ngoi	each \$4.00
" Mus Deer, -Wong Keng	" 50
" Hare, Shanghai, -Tu Chai	" 55
" Partridge, -Ohe Khoo	pair \$1.50
" Pheasant, -Shan Kai	each 30
" Pigeons, Canton, -Pak Kup	" 24
" Hoihow, -Hoi How Pak Kup	" 14
" Quail, -Um Chuan	dozen 25
" Rice Birds, -Wo Fa Cheul	each 25
" Snipe, -Sa Choy	lb. 55
" Turkeys, Cock -Phor Kai Kung	" 40
" Hen, -Na	" 45
Wild Ducks, Shai -Shang hoi Sui Ap	\$1.40
" Teal, -Sui Ap Chai	" 45
Wild Ducks Canton -Sang Shing Sui Ap	" 80

FISH.

Fish.	
Barbel, -Ka Yu	lb. 8
Bream, -Bin Yu	" 12
Canton Fresh Water Fish, -Hoi Sin Yu	" 12
" Carp, -Li Yu	" 16
" Catfish, -Ohik Yu	" 18
" Codfish, -Mun Yu	" 24
" Crabs, -Hoi	" 18
" Little Fish, -Muk Yu	" 15
" Dab, -Sa Mang Yu	" 14
" Dace, -Wong Mei Lan	" 10
" Dog Fish, -Tui Ta Sa	" 8
" Eels, Congor, -Hoi Mann	" 15
" Eels, Yellow, -Wong Sin	" 24
" Frogs, -Tien Kai	" 28
" Garoupa, -Sok Pan	" 52
" Grasse, -Pak Kup Yu	" 12
" Herrings, -Tao Pak	" 18
" Halibut, -Cheung Kwan Kup	" 28
" Labrus, -Wong Fa Yu	" 15
" Lach, -Wu Yu	" 28
" Ljeters, -Lung Ha	" 24
" Mackarel, -Chi Yu	" 18
" Monk Fish, -Mong Yu	" 24
" Mullet, -Chai Yu	" 20
" Oysters, -Sang Hoo	" 20
" Parrotfish, -Kai Kung Yu	" 14
" Perch, -Tau Leo	" 15
" Pike, -Fa Paw Poong	" 8
" Plance, -Pan Yu	" 18
" Pomfret, Black, -Hak Chong	" 18
" Pomfret, White, -Pak Chong	" 24
" Prawn, -Ming Ha	" 48
" Squid, -Fai Pa Sa	" 8
" Fish, -Sok Ka Kung	" 14
" Fish, -Cheung Yau	" 10

肉食

Meat.	
Salmon, -Ma Van Y	lb. 32
Shark, -Sa Yu	" 8
Skate, -Po Yu	" 9
Shrimps, -Ha	" 24
Snapper, -Lap Yu	" 20
Soles, -Tat Sa Yu	" 16
Tench, -Wan Yu	" 15
Turbot, -Choi How Yu	" 18
Turtles, small, fresh water, -Kork Yu	" 56
White Bait, -Ngau Yu Chai	" 5

FRUITS

Fruits.	
Almonds, -Hung Yau	lb. 28
Apples (California), -Kam San Ping Kho	" 20
" (Chefoo), -Tin Chun Ping Kho	" 20
" Small, -Hoi Tong	" 20
" Custard, -Fan Lai Chi	each
Bananas, fragrant, Canton, -San Shing Hing Chiu	lb. 3
" (brides), Macao, -San Hing Chiu	" 3
Chestnuts, Chinese, -Foong Lut	" 10
Carambola, -Yeung Tse	" 12
Cocoanuts, -Yeh Tse	each 12
Lemons, China, -Ning Moong	lb. 8
" America, -Kum San Ning Moon	" 25
Lichees Dried, -Lai Chi, small Stone	" 12
" Fresh	" 12
Limes, (Saigon), -Sai Kung Ning Moong	each
Mango, Manila, -Lui Sung Mong	" 14
Mangosteens, -San Chuk Tse	doz
Oranges, (Canton), -San-shing Tim Ching	lb. 5
" Sweet	" 6
Pears, (American), -Kam San Shoot Lay	" 14
" (Canton), Cooking, -Sa Lay	" 10
Peanuts, -Fa Sang	" 10
Persimmons Large, -Hung Chie	" 10
Pine-apples, 1st quality, -Poon Ti Paw Law	each 8
" 2nd, -Chung-tang Paw Law	" 6
Plantain, -Tai Cheu	lb. 14
Plums, -Syatow, Hung Lai	" 12
Pumelo, Siam, -Hung Lo Yau	each 12
" Shanghai, -Lo Kwat	" 14
Walnuts, -Hop Tuo	lb. 14
" Green, -Sang Hop Tuo	" 14
Water Melon, -Am, Kom San Sai Kwa	each 14
" (China), -Sai Kwa	" 14
Grapes, -Sang Po Tai Tee	lb. 20

VEGETABLES, &c.

Vegetables, &c.	
Artichokes, Shanghai, -Sheung-hoi Ah Chi	lb. 8
Cheuk	" 12
Beans, (French), Macao, -Oh Moon Pin Tau	" 12
" (French), Shanghai, -Sheung Hai Pin	" 10
" Sprout, -Ah Cho	" 5
" Long, -Tau Ko	" 5
Best Root, -Hung Choi Tau	each 6
Brinjals, Green, -Ching Yuan	" 8
" Red, -Hung Kung	" 8
Cabbages, Chinese, com, -Kai Choy	" 12
Cabbage Red, -Hung Yea Choy	" 12
Cabbage, Shanghai, -Yeh Choi	" 10
Cane Shoots, bunch, -Kau Shun	lb. 10
Cardiflow, Large size, -Tai Yeh Cho Fa	each 15
" Medium size, -Cheung Yeh Cho Fa	" 12
" Small size, -Sai Yeh Chai Fa	" 10
Carrots, -Kam Sham	lb. 8
Celery, Chinese, -Tong Kan Choi	" 6
" English, -Yeung Kan Choi	" 6
Chillies Dried, -Gon Lat Chiu	" 20
" Red, -Hung Far Chiu	" 15
" Green, -Ching Lat Chiu	" 10
Curry Stuff, English, -Kar Lee Chiu Liu	" 10
Cucumbers, -Ching Kwa	" 2
Bitter Squash, -Fu Kwa	" 8
Garlic, -Que Tau	" 8
Ginger, young, -Sun Tse Keung	" 8
" old, -Lo Keung	" 8
Horse Radish, Shanghai, -Lik Kan	" 15
Indian Corn, -Suk Mai	each 5
Lettuce, -Yeung Sang Choi	" 1
Water Cheemuts, -Ma Tai	lb. 5
" Mandarin, -Kwai Lam Ma Tai	" 6
Mushrooms, Fresh, -Sang Oho Koo	" 1
Mush Melon, Amer, -Kam-san Hong Kwa	each 15
Okroos, -	" 15
Onions Bombay, -Yeung Chong Tau	" 8
" Green, -Sang Chong	" 5
" Shanghai, -Shang-hoi Chong Tau	" 6
Papaw, 1st qual, -Tai Man San Kwa	each 10
" 2nd Chang	" 6
Paraley, -Kan Cho	" 6
Green Peas, -Ching Tau	lb. 3
Potatoes, Sweet, -Fan Sha	" 3
" Shanghai, -Shang-hoi Shu Tea	" 3
" Japan, -Yut Poon Shu Tea	" 3
" American, -Fa Ki Shu Tea	" 8
" Foochow, -Foo-chow Shu Tea	" 3
Pumpkin, -Tong Kwa	" 3
Radish, -Hung Lo Pak Tai	" 5
Rhubarb (Fresh), -Tai Wong	" 1
Sage, -Tse So	" 8
Shallots, -Gon Chong Tau	" 8
Spinach, -Yin Choi	" 4
Tomatoes, -Fan Ker	" 6
Taroos, -Wa Tau	" 5
Tutu, -Punti, (Long), -Lo Pak	" 4
" English, -Yeung Lo Pak	" 1
Vegetable Marrow, -Chit Kwa	" 1
" (American), -Kam-san Chit Kwa	" 8
Water Cress, -Sai Yeung Cho	" 8
" Lily root, -Lin Ngau	" 8
Yams, -Ta Shu	" 5

生口

Live Animals.	
Chicken, -Kai Chai	lb. 28
Capon, Large, Small, -Sin Kai	" 24
" Duck, -Fai Kau	each 15
" Eggs, Hen -Kai Tan	per doz 24
" Eggs, Canton, -Kai	lb. 30
" Hainan, -Hoi Nam Kai	" 25
" Goose, -Ngi	pair \$1.30
" Goose, Wild Shai, -Shang-ho Yea Ngoi	each \$4.00
" Mus Deer, -Wong Keng	" 50
" Hare, Shanghai, -Tu Chai	" 55
" Partridge, -Ohe Khoo	pair \$1.50
" Pheasant, -Shan Kai	each 30
" Pigeons, Canton, -Pak Kup	" 24
" Hoihow, -Hoi How Pak Kup	" 14
" Quail, -Um Chuan	dozen 25
" Rice Birds, -Wo Fa Cheul	each 25
" Snipe, -Sa Choy	lb. 55
" Turkeys, Cock -Phor Kai Kung	" 40
" Hen, -Na	" 45
Wild Ducks, Shai -Shang hoi Sui Ap	\$1.40
" Teal, -Sui Ap Chai	" 45
Wild Ducks Canton -Sang Shing Sui Ap	" 80

海鮮

Seafood.	
Barbel, -Ka Yu	lb. 8
Bream, -Bin Yu	" 12
Canton Fresh Water Fish, -Hoi Sin Yu	" 12
" Carp, -Li Yu	" 16
" Catfish, -Ohik Yu	" 18
" Codfish, -Mun Yu	" 24
" Crabs, -Hoi	" 18
" Little Fish, -Muk Yu	" 15
" Dab, -Sa Mang Yu	" 14
" Dace, -Wong Mei Lan	" 10
" Dog Fish, -Tui Ta Sa	" 8
" Eels, Congor, -Hoi Mann	" 15
" Eels, Yellow, -Wong Sin	" 24
" Frogs, -Tien Kai	" 28
" Garoupa, -Sok Pan	" 52
" Grasse, -Pak Kup Yu	" 12
" Herrings, -Tao Pak	" 18
" Halibut, -Cheung Kwan Kup	" 28
" Labrus, -Wong Fa Yu	" 15
" Lach, -Wu Yu	" 28
" Ljeters, -Lung Ha	" 24
" Mackarel, -Chi Yu	" 18
" Monk Fish, -Mong Yu	" 24
" Mullet, -Chai Yu	" 20
" Oysters, -Sang Hoo	" 20
" Parrotfish, -Kai Kung Yu	" 14
" Perch, -Tau Leo	" 15
" Pike, -Fa Paw Poong	" 8
" Plance, -Pan Yu	" 18
" Pomfret, Black, -Hak Chong	" 18
" Pomfret, White, -Pak Chong	" 24
" Prawn, -Ming Ha	" 48
" Squid, -Fai Pa Sa	" 8
" Fish, -Sok Ka Kung	" 14
" Fish, -Cheung Yau	" 10

菓子

Nuts & Dried Fruits.	
Almonds, -Hung Yau	lb. 28
Apples (California), -Kam San Ping Kho	" 20
" (Chefoo), -Tin Chun Ping Kho	" 20
" Small, -Hoi Tong	" 20
" Custard, -Fan Lai Chi	each
Bananas, fragrant, Canton, -San Shing Hing Chiu	lb. 3
" (brides), Macao, -San Hing Chiu	" 3
Chestnuts, Chinese, -Foong Lut	" 10
Carambola, -Yeung Tse	" 12
Cocoanuts, -Yeh Tse	each 12
Lemons, China, -Ning Moong	lb. 8
" America, -Kum San Ning Moon	" 25
Lichees Dried, -Lai Chi, small Stone	" 12
" Fresh	" 12
Limes, (Saigon), -Sai Kung Ning Moong	each
Mango, Manila, -Lui Sung Mong	" 14
Mangosteens, -San Chuk Tse	doz
Oranges, (Canton), -San-shing Tim Ching	lb. 5
" Sweet	" 6
Pears, (American), -Kam San Shoot Lay	" 14
" (Canton), Cooking, -Sa Lay	" 10
Peanuts, -Fa Sang	" 10
Persimmons Large, -Hung Chie	" 10
Pine-apples, 1st quality, -Poon Ti Paw Law	each 8
" 2nd, -Chung-tang Paw Law	" 6
Plantain, -Tai Cheu	lb. 14
Plums, -Syatow, Hung Lai	" 12
Pumelo, Siam, -Hung Lo Yau	each 12
" Shanghai, -Lo Kwat	" 14
Walnuts, -Hop Tuo	lb. 14
" Green, -Sang Hop Tuo	" 14
Water Melon, -Am, Kom San Sai Kwa	each 14
" (China), -Sai Kwa	" 14
Grapes, -Sang Po Tai Tee	lb. 20

菜蔬

Vegetables, &c.	
Artichokes, Shanghai, -Sheung-hoi Ah Chi	lb. 8
Cheuk	" 12
Beans, (French), Macao, -Oh Moon Pin Tau	" 12
" (French), Shanghai, -Sheung Hai Pin	" 10
" Sprout, -Ah Cho	" 5
" Long, -Tau Ko	" 5
Best Root, -Hung Choi Tau	each 6
Brinjals, Green, -Ching Yuan	" 8
" Red, -Hung Kung	" 8
Cabbages, Chinese, com, -Kai Choy	" 1

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THE CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS' GUIDE.

USEFUL ARTICLES

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MESSRS. KRUSE & CO.

A visit to Messrs Kruse and Co's shop just now is almost as good as a trip to the West End of London from the shopper's point of view and there is a big surprise in store for those people who think that Hongkong is behind the times where ability to procure the latest novelties or luxuries is concerned. Just now this shop is a positive museum of up-to-date luxuries in the way of smokers' requisites, fancy articles for the home, and children's toys.

Necessarily much of the room-space is devoted to all that the smoker wants. Here every well-known brand of cigars is to be found, together with Virginian and Egyptian cigarettes—the best that can be bought; while the show of pipes, cigar and cigarette cases, smokers' cabinets and stands, with ash-trays of every conceivable pattern and material, seems to render the place a Smoker's Paradise.

In buying Christmas presents for menfolk it is generally safe to give them something in the smoking line; but Messrs. Kruse are catering for the women and children as well, and the men who cannot find seasonable and suitable gifts here will be hard to please. The show of statuary and vases in metal, marble and porcelain is a beautiful sight which should not be missed; while the handsome bronze and terra cotta figures will set every artistic mouth watering. Special attention should be drawn, too, to the big selection of tea and coffee services, electroplated flagons and cocktail-shakers, as well as to the remarkably fine specimens of cut glass.

Other useful and ornamental presents range from fancy toilet and manicure sets, mirrors, and perfumes, to electric light bearing figures, and from leather goods of all kinds (purses, pocket-books, card-cases, etc.) to plaques and pictures.

Perhaps it is of the little ones, however, that one thinks most at Christmas, and for them Messrs. Kruse are offering some extraordinary bargains: toys that to the children of a generation or two ago would have seemed to belong only to the realm of the imagination. The toy world has been revolutionized during the past ten years; toy making and designing have become a fine art and the paltry, easily broken models of our own childhood's days are things of the past. Here, in addition to Christmas-tree decorations of all descriptions and Noah's Arks, teddy bears, tin soldiers and a variety of games, dolls, musical instruments, etc., are the very latest inventions in the way of boats, cannons, railways and engines, motor cars and other mechanical toys, all as instructive as they are amusing and—which will interest child and parent alike—unbreakable. The sight of the cannons which now down tin soldiers with india-rubber cannon balls, or which can be loaded with Chinese crackers and will make enough banging to exalt the average child to the seventh heaven of delight, makes one want to be young again; and we shall be much surprised if some of the engines and motors, with real electric lighting apparatus, do not afford as much pleasure to the parents as to the kiddies themselves.

But to return to this question of cigars, cigarettes and tobacco which, after all, are the articles with which this firm is mostly concerned. It is a hoary-headed joke that no sensible man will trust his womenfolk to buy his smoking materials for him; that the average woman judges the cigar by the picture on the box and the tobacco by the colour of the label on the tin. Such a belief has, no doubt, abundant foundation. In the case of Messrs. Kruse and Co. it would not, however, apply; or even if it did, the lady who bought her husband's smoking wherewithal on that principle would be doing him no injury, for the very simple reason that at this shop there are no bad cigars or tobacco; nothing but the very best.

THE DAIRY FARM CO.

The Dairy Farm Company has long ago exploded the notion that home diet is unobtainable in this Colony. As a matter of fact, those people whose experience of life in the Far East has been gained only in Hongkong little know to what an extent they are indebted to this enterprising firm. Farther south, where all the mutton grows on goats, where the only milk and butter obtainable have come from thousands of miles distant, or from insanitary local dairies and where the pork is "Chinese pork," men regard Hongkong as being pretty much the same as England, where the production of table-luxuries is concerned. Well they may; and Hongkong people who inspect the Dairy Farm Company's stock of good things for Christmas will undoubtedly agree with them.

The butchery department will have plenty of good Christmas fare to offer: sirloins and ribs of beef, legs, shoulders, loins and saddles of mutton and unlimited pork that, if Chinese by virtue of its fatherland, is English in so far as its cleanliness and wholesomeness are concerned. The same department has abundance of first-rate sausage-meat for stuffing turkeys. Stuffing is not of much use without turkey; neither is Christmas. These facts have been foreseen by the Dairy Farm proprietors, and they are offering plenty of these excellent birds at a reasonable price; birds that have been specially fed and fattened at the Company's own farm. Chickens and fat capons too are waiting to be killed and eaten, and all are in prime condition. The excellent dairy-produce of the firm—eggs, butter, milk cream and cream cheeses—are too well known to need including in this Christmas survey.

Special attention should, however, be drawn to the splendid stock of ham and bacon. English American and Australian; as well as the well-filled tubs of corned pork, and tongues which may be inspected at the Company's Depot. Another kind of good thing which separate mention should be made is the goodly company of German sausages with which the windows are now adorned. Instead of importing sausages the Dairy Company have gone a degree better and imported sundry mechanical sausage makers and a real German artist to supervise the making. Henceforth all the best and most flavour-some sausages, made on the premises and of the finest quality of locally fed meat can be obtained here. A specially large stock has been laid in for Christmas but this is quickly growing smaller already.

To add to the seasonableness of the Christmas stock in trade, this firm has abundance of most home-like-looking, brown and pressed beef all ready for the table; so that no Hongkong Britisher has any excuse for not keeping Christmas in the old-fashioned way, so far as chow is concerned.

We would like specially to emphasize this new departure on the part of the Dairy Farm Company in connection with the sausage industry, the more so that hitherto such luxuries as blutwurst, leberwurst etc. have been received with a certain amount of suspicion. The proof of the sausage is not in the eating but in the making, and people have heard such words of how these delicacies are compounded, such terrible tales have been handed on from far back as the time when Sam Weller's friend discovered the brace-buttions in his breakfast dish even to-day, that the sausage in general may well be received with—well, doubt. The Dairy Farm Company invite inspection; they are offering nothing but the very best and purest material, and can therefore advertise their wares with a clear conscience and a light heart. Our opinion is—try these sausages once, and you will try them again.

RUTTONJEE AND SON.

The Christmas season is essentially a time of feasting and merriment. Such, being the case, a store of the type of Messrs. Ruttonjee's, where almost everything to satisfy the creature cravings may be had, is an absolute necessity to those who wish their tables well set out. One's stock of wines and spirits must, of course, be replenished, and he would be a strange man whose tastes could not be amply met at this well-known house.

Messrs. Ruttonjee are agents of the famous Ruinart champagne which is so deservedly popular on the Continent. This is a first-class extra dry champagne particularly suited to the English taste, and, coming from one of the oldest and best known houses in the world, may be confidently recommended to those on the look-out for a really good, satisfying Champagne of tip-top quality. The vintage is 1904. Another speciality which Messrs. Ruttonjee are offering is Dixon's Double Diamond Old Port, known everywhere as an unusually choice and fruity brand. Guaranteed to be 40 years' old, it possesses all the best characteristics of the high class ports, among which it is highly ranked. Special attention is drawn to Pomartin's sherries of various qualities, all being distinctly above the average and of a fine, nutty flavour. Among whiskies, Johnstone's "M.P." takes a foremost place. There is a very big consignment of the best French sweets from the well-known house of Jacquelin and Sons. These include many varieties of caramels, almonds, chocolates, etc., all of the highest. Christmas puddings, cakes, mince-meats, etc., all specially imported from England for the festive season, must not be forgotten, nor must the splendid display of fancy crackers, which are of most attractive and artistic types and make extremely beautiful table decorations.

THE ALEXANDRA CAFE.

A glance round the Alexandra Cafe convinces one that nobody need go short, this year, of the good things that help to make Christmas what it is to the Englishman. An argument in favour of the Alexandra which will appeal to busy housewives and to all who do not entirely trust their Chinese cook where the production of appetizing Christmas fare is concerned, is the fact that in most cases the goods are all ready for the table, and that all have been prepared under the very strictest European supervision.

This cafe is well known for its excellent plain and fancy bread and cakes, as also for its confectionery, sweets etc.; for its meals a la carte and its late suppers. Attention should be drawn, however, to its fried fish and potatoes (London style), its haddock, kippers, bloaters and other smoked fish—luxuries which people are always telling us, are not procurable in Hongkong. There are oysters, too, and Melton Mowbray pork pies of mutton, beef and veal and ham; while the plum puddings, mince-pies, and Christmas cakes on sale are calculated to make us forget that we are not living at home.

We learn from Mr. Howard, the proprietor, that the Alexandra Cafe is about to undergo considerable renovation and alterations; better accommodation will be arranged for ladies, and the whole place will be overhauled. Mr. Howard claims to be able to give the best meal in the Colony for a dollar. Wines and spirits, of the best quality, are served with meals if desired. Mr. Howard's old friends will all be glad to hear that he is restored to health and is able to give his undivided attention to his customers.

A word should be added about this dollar meal on which Mr. Howard so justly prides himself. The man who must get tiffin "out" should try it once and he will go back a second time—and a good many more.

THE FRENCH STORE.

Continental who hanker after the special diet of their own country, and Britishers who now and again hark back wistfully to the fare of Leicester Square French restaurants, should pay a visit to the French Store in Queen's Road. So also, should seekers after the best French bonbons and English and Scotch candies. In addition to a large and fine show of the ordinary household requisites in the way of grocery, provisions and fancy breads, the French Store is advertising plenty of good things which, pleasant enough at all times, are doubly so at Christmas. A carefully selected stock of foreign wines and spirits has been laid in, and there are more varieties of tinned Continental luxuries than could be enumerated in a column: fish, preserved vegetables, meat, fruit etc.

The new Christmas stock of sweets includes all manner of French chocolates, fondants, nougats, pastilles, marrons glacés, fruits glacés, etc., as well as chocolates of the best British makes (Cadbury, Fry etc.) all kinds of candies, and sweets in bottles. As for as nuts and dried fruits are concerned, there is plenty of choice, the figs, dates and prunes being especially fine.

The French Store is further offering for sale a grand variety of dolls, toys of all descriptions, fancy goods and Santa Claus stockings; and those who are buying for Christmas, whether for themselves or for the little ones, will be hard to please if they cannot find what they want here.

Those, also, who seek special continental groceries, particular kinds of biscuits, coffees etc., can get what they want at this store; and, further, we must not forget to mention the fine cheeses of all descriptions of which there is a goodly supply and which, till comparatively recently, were regarded as unprocurable luxuries in Hongkong.

MESSRS. WARREN & CO.

A firm which has built up for itself a first-class reputation for work of the very best description at a quite reasonable price is that of Messrs. C.E. Warren and Co. In their well-ordered store in Des Vaux Road they have a remarkably varied display of articles needed in every well-furnished house. Ladies especially will appreciate their choice selection of breakfast, tea, dinner and dessert services of the latest patterns and exclusive designs. Another special feature which the firm has on hand is the splendid variety of nickel-plated and white earthenware fixtures which are now largely taking the place of similar metal and wood fittings. These are really choice additions to any bathroom and comprise mirrors, soap and sponge trays, shaving mug holders, toilet paper holders, etc. Many of these articles make admirable presents from husband to wife. In the same department there is a most up-to-date selection of water-heaters, with showers and douches, which can be used in connection with any bath and always ensure a constant supply of hot water, day and night.

Messrs. Warren and Co. have made a speciality of stoves and cooking ranges, the latter including the well-known "Dover" type and a special line named the "Warren" designed by Mr. Warren himself. This latter is remarkably compact and complete, and the door opens in such a way that it forms a steel shelf on to which the turkey, goose, or whatever is being cooked, can be easily drawn for basting purposes. As showing the enterprise of this well-known firm, it may be mentioned that they manufacture their own cement mosaic floor tiles at Bowington, and also its own brass foundry.

We can recommend those who like their homes well appointed to pay a visit to Messrs. Warren and Company's premises.

A. S. WATSON LTD.

Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., offer a long array of specialties for Christmas which covers a wide range. A peep at the windows is itself sufficient to tempt the passer-by, but the windows, enticingly dressed as they are, give only an inadequate idea of what is inside. The heads of the departments have excelled themselves this year in their selection of seasonable Christmas dainties. It is possible only to hint at the wealth of confectionery on view. This is imported from the leading houses in London, New York and Paris, and is of the very purest quality. One finds Cadbury's chocolates done up in boxes which are themselves sufficient to tempt one into buying; Fuller's confectionery of all kinds; Jacquelin's cerises du lys, nougat fin and pralines; Macintosh's cream and treacle toffee (beloved of all children aged from six to sixty)—such a profusion of confectionery as we have seldom seen before.

Cady's crackers are to be found in great variety; and, when we come to the perfumery department, we find a famous selection of the choicest of French perfumes in elegant fancy boxes, caskets, and cut glass bottles. Here are soaps, toilet waters, and hair washes from the most celebrated houses in the world, and the man who is of a mind to purchase a present for his wife or sweetheart, which will be really acceptable, should make a point of seeing what Messrs. Watson have on offer. Special mention may be made of "Ye Old English Lavender Water" made up in silver mounted bottles.

There is again a fine array of fancy toilet articles exceedingly suitable for presents. Silver mounted hair brushes, manicure sets, handsome puff boxes, cut glass bottles in great variety, razors in cases by famous makers, razor strops, shaving mirrors, hand mirrors—the same huge selection as in other departments.

Mention must be made, too, of the alarm boxes which are of peculiar interest in these days of burglar scares. Jewels or money are kept in these boxes which are as innocent looking as could be. But inside is some mechanism which, when the box is touched, sets up such a row as would scare any burglar nearly out of his wits and must awaken the whole household. The alarm box can be recommended.

Smokers will find here all that they require to make their holidays, Meerschaum and briar pipes, smoker's companions, tobacco pouches, boxes and jars, all high class goods and plenty of them. One can only hint at the number and quality of smoker's requisites which are especially suitable for Christmas and New Year presents. A special word, however, might be remarked concerning a special assortment of calabash pipes, any one of which will make a most acceptable present.

The wine department of Messrs. Watson is well known but one has to visit the wine cellar adequately to gather an impression of the wealth and quality of wines and spirits stored. Here is an immense store of the most popular of English and European wines. One sees bottles with the dust of not centuries but the years necessary to make wine really mellow on them; and one sees wines, more newly bottled—a great, solid regiment of bottles standing square and imposing like soldiers on parade.

Messrs. Watson have a clever idea of assorted cases of wines and spirits for Christmas. These are at various prices, but each one contains just what would be wanted for a Christmas dinner. We give the composition of a sample case:—3 bottles of St. Marceaux champagne, 1 bottle of superior dry sherry, 2 bottles of port, 1 bottle of the finest of old brandy, 3 bottles of Scotch whisky, 2 bottles of claret, and a small bottle of cherry brandy. From the champagne to the liqueur, everything is of the best quality; and the price is only \$30. But high quality at a reasonable price is the feature of all the Christmas and New Year specialties offered by Messrs. Watson & Co.

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| 1—Bottle Sparkling Burgundy. | 1—Bottle St. Marceaux Champagne. |
| 3—Bottles St. Joseph Claret. | 1—Bottle Sparkling Burgundy. |
| 1—Bottle Cherry, Light Dry | 2—Bottles Liqueur, La Rose, D Quality. |
| 2—Bottles Port, Very Fine Old Tawny, | 1—Bottle Sherry, Superior Pale Dry |
| D Quality. | D Quality. |
| 2—Bottles Gin. | 1—Bottle Port, Very Fine Old Tawny, |
| | D Quality. |
| 1—Bottle Hennessy's Very Old Liqueur | 1—Bottle Hennessy's Very Fine Old |
| Cognac, D Quality. | Liqueur Cognac, D Quality. |
| 2—Bottles Very Old Liqueur Scotch | 2—Bottles Very Old Liqueur Scotch |
| Whisky, E Quality. | Whisky, E Quality. |
| | 1—Bottle Gin. |
| | 1—Bottle Heering's Cherry Brandy. |

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| Case No. 3.—\$30. | |
| 1—Bottles St. Marceaux Champagne, no. | 2—Bottles Very Old Liqueur Scotch |
| 1—Bottle Sherry, Superior Pale Dry, | Whisky, E Quality. |
| D Quality. | |
| 2—Bottles Port, Very Fine Old Tawny | 2—Bottles Claret, La Rose, D Quality |
| D Quality. | |
| 1—Bottle Very Fine Old Brown | 1—Small Bottle Heering's Cherry |
| Brandy, E Quality. | Brandy. |

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THE CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS' GUIDE.

F. BLACKHEAD & CO.

A visit to Messrs. F. Blackhead & Co.'s store is necessary before the Christmas shopper can claim to have secured all that is necessary for the table or in the way of presents. Of tempting soups, meats, and fish there is a long and imposing list from which to make selection. Tinned fruits there are in plenty and a wealth of pickles. In these lines there is something to suit every palate and every purse. What especially strikes the visitor is the air of solid attractiveness about this store. Everything looks good, quite apart from the fact that the name of Blackhead is sufficient warranty of excellence in quality.

Turning to the wines and spirits department, we find such a variety as is seldom met with. More than that, the names of the best makers are found here. In Sherries and Ports, for instance, we find Marques de Merito and Cutler, Palmer & Co., London; in Whiskies, Haig and Haig of Glasgow and James Watson & Co., Dundee, appear amongst others; in Hocks, E. and F. Carter; in liqueurs, Bols. These are merely a selection taken in course of a walk round the establishment. Claret, at quite a number of prices, are on offer, and the name of Pockwitz and Beerman, Bordeaux, is a sufficient guarantee of excellence. Amongst the champagnes on view we caught sight of those of Sohllein & Co. and were immediately satisfied that all was well here, whether the customer wanted a really expensive or a more moderately-priced wine.

The point to note is that the liquors suit every purse and every taste. The prices are moderate, consistent with good quality and fine flavour; more than that no purchaser can wish. But the would-be buyer need not, except he so desires, purchase wine here. Spirits there; if he wishes to secure just the wines and spirits that are essential for the Christmas season, Messrs. Blackhead will arrange to make up a case for him and so save a deal of trouble.

It is hardly necessary to remark that Messrs. Blackhead make a specialty of beers. They are agents for the Union Brewery, Shanghai, and their list is lengthy and imposing. Tsingtau beer, of various kinds, is on sale—"Gold Export," "Muriel," "Pilsener"—names to conjure with. They attract all lovers of a good glass of beer. There are various other brands of Pilsener beer, for instance, and special mention must be made of Putzenhofer beer—light and dark. The man who cannot find here something to suit him is no judge of beer.

Turning to other lines, we may remark on some articles which are particularly suitable for Christmas presents. We noticed a fine lot of Gillette razors, for example, and a cute little electric pocket lens which possesses very durable batteries. It is worth noting that Messrs. Blackhead offer some articles for Christmas presents which are rather outside the usual run. We observed some cash boxes, for instance, which are especially suitable, and we have seen worse presents than a Dolphin filter which renders water absolutely germ free. These may not be presents of the dainty type, which is very often a type lacking in usefulness, but they are excellent and acceptable presents nevertheless.

The visitor to Messrs. Blackhead's comes away with the comfortable feeling that he has seen nothing that is not of first-class quality. There is an attractive air of imposing solidity and high quality about the goods, which are finely presented, and the visitor cannot escape being impressed.

By the way, Messrs. Blackhead's windows are brilliantly-lighted up till 10 o'clock each evening. Those who are unable for any reason, to visit the establishment during the day have thus an opportunity of inspecting the variety of goods on view. It is only fair to warn them, however, that the windows do no more than hint very ineffectively at the vast number of tempting things to be secured at this well-known house.

WEISMANN AND CO., LTD.

By a most scrupulous regard to the wishes of its extremely large clientele this popular house has built up for itself a thoroughly sound reputation in all lines which it touches. The very best of things are always associated with the name of Weismann in Hongkong, and in consequence the well-known establishment will surely command, as it certainly deserves, a very big share of the Colony's Christmas trade. Popular as the firm has become, there are quite a number of people who imagine that its operations are limited to the running of the noted Des Vaux Road Cafe. But this is far from the actual case, as a "Telegraph" representative learned on being shown "behind the scenes," as it were. He found it in reality a big business concern simultaneously running a most successful cafe, a very extensive confectionery department, a thoroughly up-to-date bakery, and a splendidly organised catering business.

In the shop itself there is at present an exceedingly tempting stock of all the best Christmas dainties. Weismann's is the leading house in the Colony for confections, and occupying a high place among the many delicacies are their own home-made chocolates, for which they have become justly famous.

In close proximity to the cafe is the establishment's thoroughly up-to-date kitchen. Here are installed a very fine English hotel range and a big grill, which are of sufficient dimensions to allow of catering for such big gatherings as the St. Andrew's Ball, when provision is made for over a thousand guests.

A visit to the store rooms, in the same block of buildings, gives ample evidence of the big stock of goods carried by the firm. Weismann's coffee has won much fame locally, and this is in consequence of the great care taken in blending the berries from Morocco, Java and Timor, which are specially imported. At present there are over 100 sacks of coffee stored here, and every day at least 60 lbs. are roasted for sale and consumption in the cafe. Housewives who wish to make sure of securing coffee of the correct blend can do no better than use Weismann's. There is also here a fresh stock of crockery and table requisites, fresh out from home enabling the firm to cater for fully 1,500 people at such gatherings as garden parties, weddings and other social entertainments.

It is by a visit to the bakery at Wanchai, however, that the extent of Messrs. Weismann's activities can best be gauged. Here the firm has had specially built a fine fire-proof building in which are accommodated the most up-to-date steam ovens in the Far East. These are two in number, one a double and the other a single. They are of the very latest design, and absolutely uniform temperature, which can be regulated at will, is ensured. Up to 4,000 lbs. of cake or bread can be baked per day. The whole establishment is under strictest European supervision, so that absolute purity is ensured. A word should also be written of the care taken in the making and baking of bread. Weismann's, Ltd., import their own flour and have always a running stock of about 2,000 bags. These flours are specially blended in accordance with methods which are the result of long experience, and the beautiful Vienna bread which is produced is known throughout the Colony, being largely used in the leading Clubs, hotels, hospitals and other public institutions.

The confectionery department is also housed at the Bakery, and here are made the firm's justly-famed home-made chocolates. Our representative saw these sweetmeats being manufactured under European supervision in absolutely spotless surroundings and untouched by hand. Weismann's are the only firm in the Colony who make their own chocolates, and at present 60 lbs. a day are being turned out for the Christmas trade.

THE SINCERE COMPANY.

One of the first places which will occur to the public in search of Christmas presents will assuredly be the big block of buildings occupied by the popular trading combination known as the Sincere Company. Such a big corporation as this, which deals in thousands of dollars where others calculate in tens, is always able to offer goods at rock-bottom prices, but even the ordinary advantages of buying in such a store are at the present moment bettered by the fact that there is now in progress a genuine cheap sale in all departments. Many of the goods are, in fact, marked down from 10 to 40 per cent. below the usual prices, so that purchases can be made at almost next to nothing.

Time was when to enter a Chinese store was to make a long bargaining process inevitable if a purchase was to be made, but thanks to the lead given by the Sincere Company that day is passing. Among Chinese firms, Sincere's initiated the fixed-price system. Every thing is clearly marked in English and Chinese and the figures are strictly adhered to. It is interesting here to note the growth of this enterprising firm, which has been established in Hongkong for well over twelve years. In its early days the store was housed in Queen's Road but about six years ago a move was made to Des Vaux Road in order to secure a bigger block of buildings to cope with the rapid growth of business. The result now is that the Sincere stores occupy eight buildings each of four storeys; there are no fewer than 14 different departments; and well over 300 hands are employed. The old store in Queen's Road is, moreover, still carried on; and quite recently the Company extended its activities to Canton, building a magnificent store on the Bund, in which a similar business to that of the head office in Hongkong is conducted. This Canton shop is one of the finest buildings in the whole city, having a frontage of 70 feet and running back some 200 feet from the front. It is a four-storeyed building of modern design, fitted with electric lifts, has a roof garden, tea rooms and all the latest features of a big department store.

To come back to the Hongkong store; a "Telegraph" representative was this week given the opportunity of taking a walk through the establishment. He found every department packed with purchasers who were taking advantage of the sale coinciding with the Christmas season. There is a magnificent display of Pascall's confections, Cadbury's, Fry's and Rowntree's chocolates; nuts of all kinds; Jacobs', Huntley and Palmer's, and Carr's biscuits in all varieties; as well as a fine assortment of Swallow and Oriol's cakes. Then there are hams, Christmas puddings, dates, figs, table delicacies of all kinds; all the leading brands of wines and spirits at rock-bottom prices. And of course Tom Smith's crackers are much in evidence—more attractive and elaborately got up than ever.

A special word must be said of the remarkably fine display of dolls, mechanical toys, etc., of which Sincere's are making a special feature this year. The window is indeed a sight, and the variety is such that a child may well be forgiven for hesitating what to choose. This is the biggest stock of toys Sincere's have ever carried. Mention must also be made of the fine show of Christmas and New Year cards, postcards, fancy stationery, etc., varied in style and most reasonable in price. The firm has also a really splendid assortment of all the best French, English and American perfumeries, which make especially acceptable presents to the gentler sex.

Messrs. Sincere have a remarkably varied assortment of the best Manila and Havana cigars as well as of Egyptian and Virginian cigarettes. Don't confuse the store with others of a like kind; it is immediately opposite the Canton Steamer Wharf.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

Those who are wondering where to find dainty, useful and really good articles which will make seasonable gifts during the Christmas tide need wonder no longer if they pay a visit to that popular chemist store, the Victoria Dispensary. The one point which strikes one in glancing over the firm's stock is the surprising variety of goods, suitable in size and also accommodating in price, which cannot fail to give pleasure to one's friends as presents. One of the new lines, expressly secured for the Christmas season, is the extremely pretty assortment of silver-cased bottles in which are contained the firm's famous Old English Lavender Water, whose superb quality is known everywhere. What makes these to be especially attractive Christmas presents is the beauty of the silver designs as well as the quaint shape of the bottles, which can always be used with great effect as dressing-table fixtures. This special line sells in two prices—\$12 and \$17—and we can well recommend readers to pay a visit to the shop if only to see these striking articles.

It only needs a glance at the Dispensary's window display to show what a fine selection of Cadbury's chocolates, Fuller's confections and Pascall's sweets have been procured specially for the festive season. Worthily of special mention are the splendid assortment of Marshmallows, Fuller's Peppermint Lumps (the old favourites) and "U-All-No" after-dinner Mints. In addition to these, there are all the best and most popular lines of ordinary plain sweetmeats, which will always find a place on the well-laid Christmas table.

In the East, great trouble is experienced with tooth-brushes, the climate causing the bristles to rapidly fall out, but a consignment of specially-made silver-wired brushes has now arrived, these being manufactured in such a way that it is an absolute impossibility for the bristles to fall out.

MESSRS BREWER & CO.

There is no better place to go to for Christmas gifts than to a well-stocked book store. That is what Messrs. Brewer and Company's establishment is, and the advice we would offer our readers is therefore quite obvious—pay a visit. It is of the children that we particularly think at this season of the year, and as one glances over the very fine lot of books specially provided for juvenile consumption one inevitably thinks how much better off are the children of to-day than those of a generation ago. What could be a more delightful present to a boy or girl than Jack's "Shown to the Children" series? These books, of which Messrs. Brewer have a big assortment, are most daintily produced, and they tell in language easy to understand, and, what is more, in a manner which is bound to interest, all that there is worth knowing about such thoroughly engrossing subjects as birds, butterflies, flowers, the stars, and so forth. By the same publishers are a splendid series of "Stories for the children," culled from such sources as Shakespeare's works, the Iliad, the Arabian Nights, Don Quixote, etc.

Of course, Messrs. Brewer have a big selection of the well-known Christmas Annuals, and a fine series of boy's books including school stories by Desmond Cole, Indian tales by Herbert Strang, "With the Airman," by Grahame White, etc., etc. They are strongly bound in cloth and will make quite substantial and appropriate presents to the boys.

Adults also will find any number of books suitable for presents, an especially striking line being the Poets in very effective antelope-skin bindings. Other articles most appropriate for presents, include a very varied assortment of fountain pens and styles of the best makes, and also a magnificent display of brasswork—inkstands, etc.

WILLIAM POWELL LTD.

At Messrs. William Powell's Ltd. the show of Christmas goods is unusually enticing. At any time the shop is one that would attract the would-be buyer of the useful or the ornamental, and just now the proprietors have added to the customary inducements offered, by stocking an immense quantity of fresh goods of all kinds—goods that are not only of the newest in point of fashion but also that are exceedingly reasonable in price.

The excellent quality of Messrs. Powell's goods in the drapery, hosiery, and general wearing apparel line is too well known for it to be necessary to draw special attention to them; it is sufficient to say that their stock includes all that is dainty for women and serviceable for men, and that people who have not yet laid in all their winter clothing should pay a visit to this enterprising firm.

As regards furniture, Messrs. Powell have all that is needed for the household; and the extremely artistic nature of the sideboards, chairs and book-cases, as well as the large amount of iron and brass ware, is enough to make one want to rob the shop. People who are Christmas present-hunting and want to give small articles that combine utility with beauty will find all they could wish in way of cabinets, racks, ink-stands, photograph-frames, knickknacks of every kind, ladies' belts and handbags, tea-cosies and cushions, electroplate and glass ware, gongs, clocks, candle-sticks, etc.

For the children there is a bazaar that might be Santa Claus' own particular store-house, for everything that the child mind can desire or conceive of appears to be here. Messrs. Powell are, indeed, making a special feature this year of their children's bazaar and we prophesy that it will be a good deal easier to get the average youngster into the shop than out of it again. The counters in the bazaar department are exceedingly well arranged, things can be seen and examined to the best advantage, and—were going to say there need be no crowding, but with so much to attract the eye and what the desire there would probably be crowding even were the gangway twice as wide. There are toys and games by the score; by the hundred; crackers and Christmas trees with plentiful ornaments therefor; with Santa Claus stockings all ready filled and abundant material for filling those empty stockings which wee laddies and lassies will be hanging up on Christmas Eve. Toys and models of ingenious mechanism there are in plenty, to say nothing of "life-size" baby carriages and dolls to go in them. There are also as many animals as ever went into the ark with Noah, and many that were probably unknown to him: Weird woolly things called teddy-bears and all manner of other quadrupeds that will delight the little hearts of their future possessors; truly a cheerful, heartening show, reminiscent of Christmas in the old Homeland.

But in describing the glories of Messrs. Powell's toy bazaar, we must not neglect the more serious branches of their business; their drapery, millinery, hosiery departments, etc. Their goods are nothing if not up-to-date, and with that up-to-dateness they combine excellence in quality and reasonableness in price. In fact it may be said without exaggeration that the lady who is seeking hats, shoes, stockings, or dress material can find what she wants here as readily and cheaply as she could in Oxford Street. And what that means, old residents of the Colony who remember the days when everything had to be sent for from Home, can best say.

As we have observed above, the old times of inconvenience, and of going short of necessities or luxuries because of freight charges were prohibitive, are at an end, thanks to the enterprise of such firms as Messrs. Powell, which lay themselves out to bring all that one wants within the reach of limited purses. No one should fail to pay a visit to this shop during Christmas week.

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SMOKED SALMON (1/2 Kg. tin)	...	1.50
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Hongkong, 14th Dec., 1912. [1912]

COMMERCIAL.

SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. Wright and Hornby in their weekly share report, dated December 14, state:—

The Market has continued very firm during the week and a considerable amount of business has been done locally and with Shanghai. Para Rubber is quoted from London 4/6.1.2 per lb. and the market for shares closes weak.

Bar Silver is 20.9-16 per oz. for ready and 20.1-2 per oz. for forward delivery, market steady.

Exchange on London opened today at 2/15-16 T.T.

Banks:—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks have been done at \$312.1-2 and \$315 with buyers at the latter rate. London quotes \$84: 10: 0.

Marine Insurances:—Unions after sales at \$315 and \$317 1/2 close with sellers at \$320. Cantons have advanced to \$287 1/2 sales and buyers. North Chinas are quoted Tls. 132 buyers North and Yangtzes Tls. 190 ex 73.

Fire Insurances:—Hongkong Fires are \$375 buyers with no business to report. China Fires are still wanted at \$145.

Shipping:—Lados have dropped to \$88 with various sales from \$94 down. London quotes \$8 15.0 Middle prices. Hongkong Canton and Macao Steamboats have been done at \$28, \$28 1/2 and \$28 1/2 close with further buyers at \$28 1/2. China Manilas were sold at \$8 and \$7 1/2 closing with buyers at the former. Douglasses changed hands at \$32 and are in demand. Star Ferries after sales at \$33 are quoted \$38 sellers. Shell Transports have sellers at \$12 1/2. London quotes 110/ Middle.

Refineries:—China Sugars are neglected at \$108 Sellers. Luzons have been freely dealt in at \$33.1-2, \$34 and \$34.1-2 closing steady. Mining:—Ruabs after sales at \$4.1-4 and \$4.15 are obtainable at \$4, buyers offering \$3.90. Langkats varied considerably during the week but close with buyers at Tls 70 cash. Tronohs are in demand at 70/9 cum div. for London account. Pahangs Consolidated are quoted 10/3 middle price.

Docks, Wharves & Godowns:—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have been booked at \$50.1-2, \$57.1-2 and \$58 and are in further request at the latter rate. Kowloon wharves close quiet at \$70 cash after sales at equivalent rates forward up to March. Shanghai docks at Tls. 48 and Hongkows at Tls. 103 are unchanged and without local business to report.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings:—Hongkong Lands have been sold \$104.1-2 and are in demand. Kowloon Lands after sales at \$36 are wanted. West Points are buyers at \$57. Hongkong Hotels (old) are unchanged at \$115 buyers; the new shares have been done at \$73. Humphreys Estates are wanted at \$8.40 business done at \$8.1-2.

Cotton Mills:—Hongkong Cottons quiet with sellers at \$7.1-2 but at \$7.1-4 there are buyers. Shanghai Cottons had improved to Tls. 115 buyers in the north. Kang Yiks are wanted at Tls. 14.1-2. December.

Miscellaneous:—Cements close with Sellers at \$4.20 after sales at \$4.30 \$4 and \$4.20. China Borneos were booked at \$9 and are wanted. China Providents are enquired for at \$9 after sales. There have been sales of Dairy Farms at \$21. Ropes at \$19, and Watsons at \$5.90 with further buyers at the rates. China Light and Powers were sold at \$2.10 and \$2.20 buyers now offering \$2.20. Watsons were booked at \$5.90 and close with buyers, sellers asking \$6. Steam Laundries have advanced to \$4 1/2 sales and buyers with sales at various rates from \$3.1-2 upward. Ganda, Price and Co. were sold at \$8 closing in demand. Other stocks under this heading are unchanged and without business to report.

Quotations received by cable from London to-day:—

Banks \$34: 10: 0

Indos \$8: 15: 0 middle price

Shells 110/

Tronohs 70/9 buyers 70/8 sellers cum div.

Pahangs 10/3 middle price.

United So. danga 125/ middle price ex div.

Rubber Trusts 100 middle price ex div.

London Asiatics 12/ middle price.

Notices

KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY (BRITISH SECTION).

NOTICE.

The Public is hereby notified that owing to the Aviation Meeting at Shek Tin, the following alteration will take place in the local train services on Saturday and Sunday, December 14th and 15th.

On Saturday the train advertised to leave Kowloon at 1.25 p.m. for Shum Chun and the train leaving Shum Chun for Kowloon at 2.33 p.m. are hereby cancelled.

The train advertised to leave Kowloon for Shum Chun at 5.10 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays will leave at 5.54 p.m. and return from Shum Chun at 6.52 p.m. arriving Kowloon at 7.59 p.m.

On both the above dates the Express train leaving Shum Chun at 6.05 p.m. will call at Fanling at 6.10 p.m. to pick up passengers.

Special trains for the Aviation Meeting will leave Kowloon every half hour from 12 noon to 3.30 p.m.

Tickets may be obtained at the Booking Office Star Ferry Pier, Hongkong, Messrs. Moutrie & Co., Thomas Cook & Co., and Kowloon Railway Station.

By Order,
H. P. WINSLOW,
Manager.

Kowloon, 11th December 1912.

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SHORT SERMON.

Afterward he brought me to the gate, even the gate that looketh toward the end.—Ezekiel, xlii, 1.

"The day breaks and the shadows flee." Out of the darkness light is born. The sleeper wakes to a new day. It is not alone his day—it is the day of all who awaken at the signal of sunrise. It is the common opportunity which God gives to his children; the common and free chance to be and to do; to make good or ill use of time and things; to live and love.

After each night he brings us to this gate that looketh toward the east. However long and painful may have been the watches of the light of day they fade back into nothingness. For he is a kind and loving Father, who looks with mercy upon his children and in his mercy wipes away yesterday's mistakes and stumblings with the great eraser, Night, bringing us again to the gate of another chance.

Few, perhaps, ever get from the morning all that has been put into it for our guidance and help. Few, perhaps, see in it more than a notch in the marking stick which Time uses. Yet from this gate which looks toward the east is a prospect which should cheer and strengthen each of us in the highest measure.

First of all, it is the prospect of another chance to improve upon the work we have done poorly; the tasks we have slighted; the results which have not been what they should have been.

Then it is another chance to live more nobly; to live less for self and more for others; to be of greater use in the new day that is before the worker. As the morning air is fresh and invigorating, even so is the thought that yesterday's mistakes may be mended, or that new deeds of larger worth may be planned and started.

From this gate that looks toward the east we can see the sun coming up over the hills or the plain—the sun which is the source of all light and heat—and as its glorious smile greets us, we may think of our God-given opportunities to light dark lives and warm cold and barren homes. Often it takes so little to accomplish those great ends that we hardly are aware of the small expenditure of time and effort.

And from this gate, whither we are led by the Father of all light, we see His sun shining alike on all that is; alike on those who succeed and those who fail; on those who are good and those whose weakness has not been conquered. It is the old sun of hope and comfort that has been helping humanity all these years, and it teaches a great lesson.

The lesson that we, too, as God's children, should shine out each morning, brightening our spheres and leading those who depend on us to the gate that looketh east.

A short time ago it was mentioned that certain changes in the M. M. service to Australia were contemplated, and recently the Agent-General of the Colonies office was able to give a "Ceylon Independent" representative details of what those changes are to be. The changes will only come into effect from 1914, when the company will discontinue the present direct mail service to Australia. Instead, there will be inaugurated an intermediate service from Marseilles via intermediate ports to Colombo, thence to Batavia, and finally to Brisbane, New Caledonia and Sydney. This will be once in four weeks, and the return voyage will be made via the same ports. The call at Bombay will be discontinued altogether. The change in the Australian service was decided upon as it was found to be unremunerative, while the company also finds it difficult to compete with the Orient and P. and O. Companies. In their opinion it will pay better to develop the service to the Far East and to this line they put on their best ships. A new service will be inaugurated from Marseilles to Colombo, thence to Singapore, Saigon and Haiphong, and back by the same route. There will be one steamer a month on this line. On the service to the Far East, which it is hoped to develop, there will be two steamers a month. The new steamers which the Company is building will be put on this line.

THE LATE CAPTAIN PALMER.

Concerning the late Captain C. N. Palmer whose death was reported recently in the "Telegraph," the "China Press" has the following:—

Captain Palmer, spent over 30 years in the Customs service, and his personal reminiscences covered a wide and interesting range of Chinese history. He figured in the Crimean war, at which time Florence Nightingale was on board his ship, and was second in command of the famous Great Eastern when she laid the first Atlantic cable. When the Confederate ambassadors from the southern states to England and France, Mason and Slidell, were taken off the Trent by an American man-of-war, Captain Palmer was on board.

These are but a few of the more interesting events of his long and active life. He was born in Hampshire, England, in 1835, his father being an officer in the India army. He was educated at Chelton College and made his first voyage to India in 1851. In 1852-3 he went to Port Phillip, Australia, when Melbourne was but a town of huts.

During the Crimean war he was on the transport Tynemouth, carrying troops. After the battle of Balaklava he took a large number of the wounded down to the Smyrna hospital, and Florence Nightingale, who was the originator of the great system of nursing homes now in existence, accompanied them. Captain Palmer knew her well and retained a vivid remembrance of her work among the wounded.

Perhaps his most interesting reminiscences were those of his days with the Great Eastern. He was the last surviving officer of that ship, which was the marine marvel of its day and by far the largest ship afloat at that time. She was designed for carrying mails and passengers to India, but met with accidents, and was incapable of great speed, so that she was sold for £25,000 and later on was turned to great account in the laying of the Atlantic cable. She was the only ship afloat at the time capable of handling the 2,800 miles of cable used in this work. During the laying of the cable Captain Palmer acted as second and then first officer in command. Captain Palmer was fond of relating the incidents of the cable's laying, all of the labour and romance in the great undertaking being shared by him in no common way.

It was in 1870 that Captain Palmer came to China, and during the 31 years of his service in the Customs covered a wide territory in China. At one time, while captain of the Peng Seng Hoi, he was sent to stop opium smuggling and had the unique experience of firing on a steamer flying the British flag. It was the Carriabrook, owned by Singapore Chinese.

For some time Captain Palmer had been in Singhai awaiting the outcome of the matter of pensions. He had expected to be the first pensioner under the new order of things, incident upon the separation of the post office from the customs.

JAPANESE AVIATOR'S FALL.

On the 4th instant Mr. Tsuzuki, a Japanese aviator who has been experimenting with an aeroplane near Tokyo, started on a flight across Tokyo Bay. When about a mile and a half from Shibaura the aeroplane was struck by a squall and fell into the sea from a height of about 300 feet.

Fortunately for the aviator, the Water Police were able to reach him within a minute or two, and he was rescued with no more serious injuries than a few bruises. The aeroplane was badly damaged, says the "Japan Chronicle," the whole of the right wing having buckled up, while the propeller was also broken. Mr. Tsuzuki will make another attempt to fly across the bay as soon as repairs to his machine are completed.

POST OFFICE.

MAILS ARRIVED TO-DAY.

Manila, s.s. Rubi.
Coast Port, s.s. Kaijo-maru.
Australia etc., s.s. St. Albans.
Swatow, s.s. Kanchow.
Shanghai, s.s. Yushun.

MAILS VIA SIBERIA.

Left London Nov. 23
Shanghai Dec. 9

MAILS DUE.

American, Chiyo Maru, 16th inst.

The Amazone with the French Mail leaves Saigon on Sunday the 15th instant at 5.30 a.m. and may be expected to arrive here on Wednesday the 18th instant at daylight.

MAILS CLOSE.

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Tamsui—Per Daigimaru, 15th Dec., 9 a.m.

Formosa via Tamsui—Per Helene, 15th Dec., 9 a.m.

Hoihow, Haiphong and Pakhoi—Per Fredericksen, 15th Dec., 9 a.m.

Amoy—Per Hongbee, 15th Dec., 4 p.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 16th Dec., 1.15 p.m.

Japan via Kobe—Per Tjipanas, 16th Dec., 4 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Haiching, 16th Dec., 5 p.m.

Swatow and Shanghai—Per Lienshing, 16th Dec., 5 p.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per Kwongsang, 17th Dec., 10 a.m.

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Singapore, Sourabaya and Samarang—Per Fausing, 17th Dec., 10 a.m.

Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.) (Extra Postage 10 cents.)—Per Ernest Simons, 17th Dec., 11 a.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 17th Dec., 1.15 p.m.

Philippine Islands—Per Rubi, 17th Dec., 3 p.m.

Philippine Islands—Per Taming, 17th Dec., 3 p.m.

Straits and India via Calcutta—Per Yatshing, 18th Dec., 11 a.m.

Shanghai, North China, and Japan via Kobe (Europe via Siberia)—Per Amazone, 18th Dec., 4 p.m.

Sandakan—Per Mausang, 19th Dec., 3 p.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per Chinhua, 19th Dec., 3 p.m.

Japan via Yokohama—Per Upada, 19th Dec., 3 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Haitan, 19th Dec., 5 p.m.

Straits and India via Calcutta—Per Yatshing, 20th Dec., 11 a.m.

Straits, Burmah, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt, and Europe via Brindisi. (Late Letters 11 a.m. to noon, Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail (Extra Postage 10 cents) (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.) The Parcel Mail will be closed on Friday, the 30th Dec., at 5 p.m.—Per Himalaya, 21st Dec., 11 a.m.

Philippine Islands—Per Yuen-sang, 21st Dec., 1 p.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per Liangchow, 21st Dec., 5 p.m.

Haiphong, Pakhoi and Saigon—Per Sungkiang, 22nd Dec., 9 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Haiyang 23rd Dec., 5 p.m.

Straits, Burmah, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt, and Europe via Naples—Per Lutzow, 23rd Dec., 9 a.m.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Adzuma, Jap. cruiser, 9,369, D. Iwamura, 13th Dec.—Yokosuka 5th Dec.

Soya, Jap. cruiser, S. Horinchi, 13th Dec.—Yokosuka 5th Dec.

Taming, Br. s.s., 1,532, Mills, 13th Dec.—Yanila 11th Dec., Gen.—B. & S.

Yushun, Chi. s.s., 1,975, E. R. Pratt, 13th Dec.—Shanghai 10th Dec., Gen.—U. M. & Co.

St. Albans, Br. s.s., 2,357, H. A. Piggott, 14th Dec.—Australia via Manila 11th Dec., Gen.—G. L. & Co.

Kaijo Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,293, 14th Dec.—Swatow 13th Dec., Ballast.—O. S. K.

Hongkong, Br. s.s., 739, A. Corneliussen, 14th Dec.—Haiphong and Pakhoi 13th Dec., Gen.—A. R. Marty.

Namsang, Br. s.s., 2,591, H. E. Gilroy, 14th Dec.—Japan, Coal and Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Rubi, Am. s.s., 1,408, J. Miller, 14th Dec.—Manila 11th Dec., Gen.—S. T. & Co.

Hopsang, Br. s.s., 1,359, J. M. Hay, 13th Dec.—Java 3rd Dec., Sugar.—J. M. & Co.

Tjipanas, Dutch s.s., 2,444, A. Oldenburg, 13th Dec.—Macassar, Sugar, etc.—J. C. J. L.

Linan, Br. s.s., 1,352, Williams, 14th Dec.—Canton 13th Dec., Gen.—B. & S.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

Dec. 13.

Clara Jebben, for Hongay.

Erroll, for New York.

Koursk, for Odessa.

Kutsang, for Kobe.

Dec. 14.

Daigimaru, for Tamsui.

Loongsang, for Amoy.

Siam, for Canton.

Carl Diederichsen, for Haiphong.

Tjiluwang, for Batavia.

Telemachos, for Saigon.

Yushun for Canton.

Kamchow, for Amoy.

Kwanglee, for Shanghai.

Sungkiang, for Haiphong.

Heimdal, for Haiphong.

Linan, for Shanghai.

Sui Cheong, for Macao.

Helene, for Tamsui.

Hanoi, for Haiphong.

St. Albans, for Shanghai.

DEPARTED.

Dec. 14.

Canton, for Shanghai.

Monteagle, for Vancouver.

Kleist, for Kobe.

Hain Chang, for Canton.

Kwanglee, for Canton.

Kwanglee, for Shanghai.

Kirin-maru, for Singapore.

Loongsang, for Manila.

Sambia, for Shanghai.

Erroll, for Straits.

Tjiluwang, for Batavia.

Claudius Anagnoon, for Vladivostok.

Fausang, for Singapore.

SHIPS PASSED THE CANAL.

London, November 15.

Arrivals from China:—Hitachi Maru, Yunnan.

The following vessels have passed the Canal:—Benlawers, Canton, Nera, Pembroke, Ping Suey, Demodocus.

London, November 19.

Arrivals from China:—Antenor, Belgravia, Menelaus, Peiho.

The following vessels have passed the Canal:—Corinthia, Glenloch, Vorwaerts, Yang Tze, Furst Bulow.

London, November 22.

Arrivals from China:—Bulow, Koerber, Nera, Teucer.

The following vessels have passed the Canal:—C. Ford Laesiz, Derflinger, Hector, Indrani, Jason, Kleist, Nishima Maru, Miyasaki Maru, Pathan, Priam, Armenia, Rutherglen.

London, November 26.

Arrival from China:—Ping Suey.

The following vessels have passed the Canal:—Indramayo, Perseus, Sachsen, Yunnan, Glenfarg, Nankin.

London, November 29.

Arrival from China:—O. J. D. Ahlers.

The following vessels have passed the Canal:—Agamemnon, Sunda, Don of Glamis, Magellan, Neleus.

London, 3rd December.

Arrivals from China:—Glenloch, Indramayo, Yangtze.

The following vessels have passed the Canal:—Bendoran, Calchas, Candia, Indrawadi, Spezia, Goldenfels, Kansas.

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WEATHER REPORT.

On the 14th at 11.25.—Pressure has decreased considerably over N. China and slightly over S. China. It has increased slightly over central Japan where it is now highest.

Changes over the southern districts are small.

Moderate monsoon is indicated along the E. coast of China, and over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District. Forecast.

1 Hongkong & Neighbourhood. N.E. winds moderate; fine.

2 Formosa Channel. N. winds strong.

3 South coast of China between H.K. and Lamooks. The same as No. 1.

4 South coast of China between H.K. and Hainan. The same as No. 1.

China Coast Meteorological Register.

14th December, a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Direction.	Force.	Weather.
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Wostock 7a30.36 8 80 n 0 b

Nemuro 6a30.20 — wsw 2 —

Hakodate 30.26 — w 2 —

Tokio 30.40 — nw 6 —

Kochi 30.33 — sw 1 —

Nagasaki 30.29 — w 2 —

K'shima 30.27 — nne 1 —

Oshima 30.22 — — 4 —

Naha 30.17 — ese 2 —

Ishijima 30.17 — ese 2 —

Bonin Is. 30.11 — ne 2 —

Chefoo — — — — —

Whaiwei — — — — —

Hankow 30.34 36 80 wsw 1 c

Kiukiang — — — — —

Shanghai 30.25 48 85 ene 1 0

Gutzlaff 30.15 51 — e 2 0 v

Sharp P. 7a30.23 61 — 0 0 r

Amoy 6a30.25 63 83 — 0 0

Swatow 7a30.25 64 89 — 0 0

Taihou 5a30.12 — — 0 —

Taihu 30.13 — n 2 —

Tainan 30.13 — n 4 —

Koshin 30.10 — — 0 —

P'lores 30.12 — n 8 —

Canton 9a — — — — —

H'kong 6a30.18 64 82 e 1 0

V. Peak 7a — — — — —

Gap Rock 6a30.14 — — nne 2 4

Macao 30.17 63 — nne 1 0 f

Wuchow 9a30.30 63 — sw 2 c

Hoihow — — — — —

Pakhoi — — — — —

Phulien 6a30.18 64 — ne 2 b

Tourane 30.10 70 — n 4 f

C. St. J. 29.99 70 — ene 2 b

Aparri 30.05 — — se 1 b

Manila 30.02 — — nne 1 0

Legaspi 29.97 — — nne 1 0

Bacolod 9a — — — — —

Iloilo 29.95 80 — sw 1 b

Cebu 29.96 80 — e 2 b

Labuan 29.94 85 — — 2 b

METEOROLOGICAL.

Previous Day On Date On Date

Barometer 30.20 30.22 30.17

Temperature 68 63 65

Humidity 60 82 81

Wind Direction ESE E E

Force 3 4 2

Weather c o od

Rain

Highest open air Temperature on the 14th

Lowest

H.K. Observatory, 13th Dec., 1912.

T. F. Claxton, Director.

TIDE TABLE.

Dec. 10th to 16th Dec., 1912.

High Water